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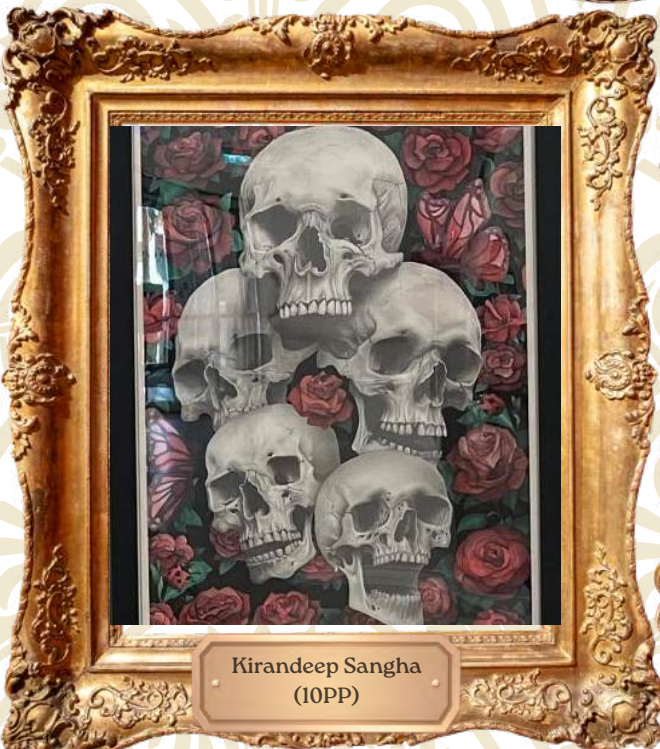
ART SHOWCASE: SPOOKY



Nancy Gillespie
(IITM)



Brodie Devlin
(IITM)



Kirandeep Sangha
(IOPP)



Layla Pemberton
(IILMD)

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear All,

I hope you are well as we move towards the darker and colder days. Many colleagues and students have been commenting on how quickly this half-term has gone by, and I have to agree with them. This serves as a good reminder to our students in Y11 and Y13: time really does fly, so I know they will make the most of the holiday to relax and recharge, but also to catch up on any important revision and study from the last eight weeks. Most of our subject departments offer additional sessions or support at lunchtime or after school, and there are dedicated Y11 study zones every lunchtime, so please make the most of all of this to enhance your chances of success.

It has been a busy few weeks, with our staff and students taking part in all kinds of trips, expeditions, competitions and activities. It's great to read about so many of them in this edition of our newsletter. Well done to everyone involved. At the start-of-year assemblies, I encouraged everyone to get involved in at least one club or activity, and I would like to repeat that message. It is well-documented that many young people are struggling with anxiety and mental health issues at this time. However, it is also known that getting involved in new sports, arts, hobbies, music, or whatever your preference may be, can give a real boost to mental well-being and resilience.

As always, we are having a big push on our core message of 'Range Ready', which means we all come to school on time, ready and prepared for a great day of learning. I have to say that the vast majority of our young people are making a real effort with everything we are asking of them. School attendance is incredibly important, and there is a much sharper focus on this from the Department for Education. Again, there is a direct correlation between good attendance and achievement at GCSE and A-Level. This was evident in our own results this year, where you won't be surprised to hear that students with high attendance who applied themselves achieved excellent results. Thank you, as always, to the vast majority of our families who support us daily as we strive to ensure your child gets the very best education and outcomes possible.

I would like to highlight our long-standing partnership with the Shyira Trust through St. Luke's Church. The Trust is a charity supporting Groupe Scolaire, an all-through school in Rwanda that we have supported for many years. Canon Emmanuel visited us recently; he delivered an assembly and gave some educational talks to various groups of our students. I know we suffer from a lack of resources in education in our own country, but when I watched the video clips and saw the pictures of how basic the facilities are there, I was very saddened. Yet, in the midst of that, there seems to be a real joy amongst their school community that the children are getting an education at all. We are aiming to support the school once again this year; our multi-day money will go towards this very worthy cause, so thank you to everyone who has supported this week.

Bon voyage to our groups heading off to the Bay of Naples and to some of our Sixth Formers who are travelling to Auschwitz during the break. Safe travels to all of you! As per my recent letter, please ensure your child is careful and sensible as we enter the Halloween and Bonfire Night season. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a relaxing and restful half-term break. School resumes at the normal time for everyone on Monday, 3rd November.

Mike McGarry
Headteacher

KS3 HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGES

Year 7

Year 7 has had a fantastic start to life at Range High School, beginning their journey on September 2nd after a successful transition day and summer club. They've quickly navigated the school, enjoying their lessons and new teachers, with a strong uptake in extra-curricular clubs like Dance, Football, and Art. A big thank you to all the Year 7s who helped out at Open Evening; the parent feedback was fantastic. Several students recently returned to their former primary schools, and they were absolutely fantastic, speaking with

confidence and enthusiasm about secondary school life. Primary school teachers were highly impressed with how well they articulated themselves and represented our school. It was wonderful to see them inspire the next generation. Well done, Year 7 – you are a real credit to our school!

-Miss Singleton & Mr Critchley



Year 8

It's been a very busy first half term for Year 8. Our students arrived back after a restful summer holidays and continued where they left off. The clubs are all up and running and many of our students have taken part. A big well done to the football team who triumphant 10-2 in the Sefton Cup 1st round and well done to Isla Hicks who took part The North West Gymnastics Association Classic Challenge and was the Lancashire Champion in her category.

Our students also had a few days at Boreatton Park PGL. Everyone enjoyed the outdoor adventures PGL had to offer, including the giant swing and canoeing. A special thank you to all staff who took time out of their weekend to make this trip happen.

Next term will see us undertake our annual Christmas foodbank appeal. More details to follow.

-Mr S Rudd & Mrs L Gallagher

Year 9

It's been a great but very busy half term back at school. You've settled in well, shown real effort in your learning, and contributed positively to our school community. Please keep up the great work as we move into the next half term!

It's important to consider, as we move through the year, for students to start thinking about their GCSE options. This is an exciting step, a chance to explore subjects you enjoy and consider what might help you in the future. Over the coming weeks, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about each subject, hear from teachers, and get advice to help you make confident, informed choices.

After Christmas parents can look forward to accompanying their child to our Y9 option evening where there will be lots of information and advice readily available to help make the right choices.

After a busy and successful half term, it's important to take some time to rest and recuperate. Make sure you relax, spend time with family and friends, and come back ready for another great term of learning and achievement!

-Ms N Wilson & Mr J Wilson

**WELL
DONE!**

KS4/5 HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGES

Year 10

It's been lovely to see you all hit the ground running and get settled into your GCSE courses! Taking this big step can feel like a lot, but you're already doing brilliantly.

A huge well done to everyone involved with the LFC (Liverpool Football Club) project and the brilliant job you did making those T-shirts! It's fantastic to see you applying yourselves outside of the classroom.

Keep up the excellent work and momentum Year 10, as you delve further into your GCSE subjects.

-Mr C Jump & Ms P McCarthy



Year 11

As we approach the end of this term, we want to take a moment to congratulate our Year 11 students on their effort and commitment so far this year.

It has been fantastic to see how well the majority of students have settled into their studies, demonstrating maturity, focus, and a real determination to achieve their best. The positive attitude shown both in lessons and around school is a real credit to the year group – well done, and keep it up!

With the November mock exams fast approaching, it's time to revisit key topics and refine revision techniques. As Year 11 demands increase, it's vital to look after your well-being. Building resilience means staying positive and understanding that setbacks are a normal part of learning. If you feel overwhelmed or uncertain, please speak to a form tutor, subject teacher, or a member of the pastoral team for support. We're here to help you.

-Mrs J Plumbley & Mr K Dudridge



Sixth Form

It has been a busy and productive half term for our Sixth Form students! Year 12 have settled in brilliantly, showing a fantastic attitude to their studies and school life. Both Year 12 and Year 13 have taken part in a range of enriching activities, including assemblies on topics such as study skills, sleep hygiene, and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). As part of their PSHE programme, students have also received important sessions on driving safety and drugs and alcohol awareness.

Beyond the classroom, many have been involved in charitable initiatives, including a successful bake sale in aid of the mental health charity Mind. Students have also had the opportunity to attend trips such as the AI Summit with Liverpool City Council, gaining valuable insights into emerging technologies. A very busy half term indeed – we wish all our Sixth Form students a well-deserved and restful break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back next term!

-Mr J McKay & Miss H. Ball

RANGE SUPERSTARS

Sefton Schoolboys Award

Daniel Grimes was delighted to be awarded the "Players' Player" award as well as receiving the North West league winners trophy as team captain.

It was a great evening celebrating the efforts of all the boys representing the Sefton district. He's looking forward to the season ahead competing for both League title and National Cup!

- Mr S Rudd, Head of Year 8

Dragon Boat Triumph: Teaching Assistants Crowned UK's Best Team!

A massive congratulations is in order for two of our school's teaching assistants, Ms Darvill and Mrs Bellemey, who paddled their way to an incredible national victory in a recent Dragon Boat racing championship!

The dynamic duo, competing as part of a local crew, showcased fantastic teamwork and endurance at the prestigious event, which saw 25 teams from across Great Britain battling it out on the water.

Their exceptional efforts secured an impressive haul of silverware, including 3 first place trophies, 5 second place trophies and one third place trophy



But the crowning glory of the day was the coveted Colenorton Award for the overall best team in the country!

This outstanding achievement proves that their dedication and drive extend far beyond the classroom. We are incredibly proud of Ms Darvill and Mrs Bellemey for representing our community and bringing home the title of the UK's best Dragon Boat team.

They truly are an inspiration to us all!

- Miss H. Chambers



RANGE SUPERSTARS

Lancashire Champion at North West Classic Challenge!

Huge congratulations are in order for our very own Isla, who performed brilliantly at the North West Gymnastics Association Classic Challenge this past weekend! Isla, representing her club, showcased exceptional skill and dedication, culminating in her being crowned Lancashire Champion in her category!

Her impressive results speak for themselves:

Lancashire County Placings:

- **Beam:** Gold Medal
- **Floor:** Gold Medal

North West Regional Placings:

- **Beam:** Gold Medal

Well done, Isla – the entire school is incredibly proud of your success!

– Mr S. Rudd, Head of Y8



Squadron Promotions: New NCOs Step Up!

Huge congratulations to several dedicated cadets who have earned their Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) stripes! Their hard work, smart uniform, and great drill have been recognised with new ranks and responsibilities.

The rank of Sergeant is a big step, proving readiness for key leadership roles.

Sergeant M Smith said: *"I am very happy that I got promoted and I have got slightly more responsibility in doing Cadet activities on the Squadron (Sqn). On the 22nd October, I will be commanding the sunset parade for the Sqn."*

Sergeant A Hill: *"Becoming a Sgt is a great achievement for any cadet, and I'm so grateful to be taking this next step on my cadet journey."*

Becoming a Corporal is the first step into the NCO team, bringing command and organisational duties.

Corporal P James said: *"It has taken me a while to get to this stage, but I'm happy to become an NCO at last. I can't wait to see what this role does for me. I have new responsibilities like doing Canteen on Sqn parade nights & taking the parade night register sometimes."*

Corporal S Matthews shared how promotions are earned: *"The journey to becoming an NCO is to have a good uniform, be good at drill (marching), and that you are respectful to staff, other NCOs & cadets. I have new responsibilities like doing Canteen on Sqn parade nights & taking the parade night register sometimes."*



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Bryony Balances School and Stage

Bryony's first term at Range High School has been bookended by performances. In September, she appeared in The Concert for Queenscourt in Ormskirk. This revenue raised funds for Queenscourt Hospice in Southport.



"We worked really hard to make a great show as it is such an important cause. It was lots of fun, though hard work. We raised over £21,000 which is really pleasing." The term has ended with Bryony at the Little Theatre in Southport in Shrek the Musical. "I play Young Fiona and an Elf. Rehearsals have been full of laughs, especially with Donkey and Lord Farquaad keeping us going,"



As Bryony explains, she has done all this whilst settling into her new school. "It's been challenging doing everything at the same time, but school's been so helpful that I feel I've managed really well."

Congratulations, Bryony!

- Mr J. Jones



Local Talent Heads to Bulgaria for Rhythmic Gymnastics

From 15th to 20th October, Karis Fung, a Year 8 student, was due to display her talent on the international stage as she competed in an international rhythmic gymnastics competition in Bulgaria.

Karis secured all necessary permissions from the school to attend this prestigious competition. We wish Karis the best of luck on her travels to Bulgaria to showcase her dedication and skill.

- Mrs L. Gallagher, Assistant Head of Y8



RANGE SUPERSTARS

From Range High School to World Champion!

Last month saw the Women's Rugby World Cup hosted by England, a massive sporting spectacle! What many may not know is that, in the England Team at the tournament (the Red Roses), was Range alumna, Holly Aitchison.

Holly was a student at Range between 2009 and 2014 before going to a specialist college to complete the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence (AASE). This sporting excellence was apparent from a very early age: while at Range, Holly led a very successful team which twice reached national finals and played at Twickenham.



Holly is extremely adept at both rugby union and rugby sevens and she represented the school at both. When Range was runner-up at the Northern Schools Sevens in 2014, Holly was named Player of the Tournament.

Outside of school, Holly was the star of the junior teams at Firwood Waterloo Rugby Club and was twice named runner-up in the Junior Sports Personality of the Year at the Sefton



Sports awards, which she was later to win in the senior category. She was selected to play for age group Lancashire and North of England teams from the age of 13.

A sporting all-rounder, Holly excelled in all sports during her time at Range and represented the school with distinction at netball and athletics as well as rugby. One of three rugby union internationals to attend Range – the others being Stuart Turner and Sarah Beckett – she is a visible role model for Range's current sporting stars and proof that they should aim high!

During the World Cup tournament, Holly's stand-out performance was against Scotland in the quarter-finals, where she scored both a try and a number of conversions.

Previous to representing her country in 15-a-side rugby, Holly was part of Team GB's rugby sevens team at the Tokyo Olympics, narrowly missing out on a medal when the team came fourth.

As a school, we are so proud of Holly and wish her all the best as she continues to play her sport at the highest level!

- Miss R Gooding

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A Special Visit from the Diocese of Shyira, Rwanda

It was wonderful to welcome a special guest to Range High School this week, all the way from the Diocese of Shyira in Rwanda! Rev. Canon Emmanuel spent the morning with us, sharing his stories and strengthening our school's important global friendship.

He didn't travel alone; he was joined by our friends from St Luke's Church in Formby: Rev. Dr Matt Davis, Ken Davies, Margaret Cooke, and Pam Thomas. Their visit highlighted the strong community link we share.

Canon Emmanuel's day was packed with activity. He started by leading the Year 9 assembly, where he spoke about Groupe Scolaire, the Rwandan high school that Range is proud to support. After that, he joined our Year 13 Geography students for a fascinating lesson on the history of colonialism in Rwanda, offering a unique and valuable perspective.



Later in the morning, a Year 10 GCSE class had a brilliant Q&A session, asking both Canon Emmanuel and Rev. Matt insightful questions about Christian faith and teachings. To finish the visit, our guests had a productive meeting with Mrs McGugan to chat about how our school can get more involved in sponsoring pupils at Groupe Scolaire.

It was a truly inspiring day that brought our global partnership to life. We're so excited to continue working together!

- Ms C. Bridge





YOUNG MINDS

RANGE WAVES CHARITY RAFFLE

WIN THE VIRAL PLUSH WHILE SUPPORTING A
FANTASTIC CAUSE!

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- SCAN THE QR CODE OR HAVE CASH ON TUESDAY OR THURSDAY TUTOR TIME
- EVERY £1 DONATION WILL COUNT AS AN ENTRY
- THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 14TH AND ALL PROFITS GO TO YOUNGMINDS



*MAKE SURE TO HAVE YOUR
FULL NAME WHEN DONATING

£1 PER ENTRY



THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!!!

A Thrilling Day of Learning at Alton Towers!

We had a fantastic time on Thursday, 18th September, when the Business and Computer Science Faculty took a group of students on a super trip to Alton Towers! It was a really exciting day where we managed to enjoy some amazing rides alongside our learning activities.

Students from lots of different courses came along, including Business Studies, Digital Information Technology, Computer Science, and Digital Content Production. It was brilliant to see everyone applying what they learn in class to real things at the park.

Our Business Studies students were busy looking closely at how Alton Towers tries to get people to visit. Students analysed Alton Towers' marketing strategies, looking closely at pricing, advertising, and how they attract visitors.

For the Computer Science students, the main focus was on the park's technology. They focused on the park's embedded systems, seeing how technology powers everything from ride controls to ticketing.



Students studying Digital Information Technology spent their time investigating user interfaces, checking out how the park designs user-friendly systems for their websites and digital kiosks.

Finally, our Digital Content Production students had a creative task. They looked at the different printed and digital graphics used throughout the park, finding inspiration for their own projects.

The day was a huge success! Everyone had brilliant learning opportunities and, of course, a great time on the rides. Our students returned from Alton Towers with a much better understanding of how their subjects are used in the real world, making it a very memorable and valuable experience for all.

- Mrs S. Howes, Curriculum Area Leader of Computer Science & E-Safety Lead

STUDENT NEWS

Raise

Our very own Range Waves podcast students—Brandon, Joel O, and Joel W—have been busy representing Range High School in an important initiative about resilience!

On Thursday, 18th September, and Thursday, 2nd October, myself, Joel O, and Joel W (along with another Range student, Orla) attended resilience workshops with the RAISE Team at the Merseyside Youth Association hub in Liverpool.

We looked through survey information collected from high schools and primary schools all over Liverpool, all about what helps young people stay resilient (meaning, how well they bounce back from tough times).

Working with other students from the area, they took this information and figured out the best, most engaging ways to present it to their peers. In our second session, we even got to work on creating a video—filmed like an interview—to share these important messages!

The RAISE team was incredibly supportive throughout the project.

– Brandon Le Breton, IITM



Year 7 Disco – A Night to Remember!

The Year 7 disco was a great success! Pupils were fantastic, showing off their best dance moves and enjoying every moment. The atmosphere was full of fun, laughter and plenty of smiles as everyone got involved on the dance floor. The party games were a big hit too, with lots of friendly competition and excitement throughout the evening. It was wonderful to see everyone joining in and having such a good time.

A big thank you to all the staff and students who helped make the event so enjoyable. Keep an eye out for the next disco – you won't want to miss it!



Year 7 Shine on Primary School Visits!

Some of our Year 7 students recently returned to their former primary schools to talk about life at secondary school – and they were absolutely fantastic! Each pupil spoke with confidence and enthusiasm, sharing their experiences and advice with the younger students. Teachers and pupils at the primary schools were so impressed with how well our Year 7s articulated themselves, answering questions thoughtfully and representing our school brilliantly. It was wonderful to see them take such pride in their journey and inspire the next generation of students. Well done, Year 7 – you were a credit to our school!

– Ms K. Singleton, Head of Y7



European Day of Languages: The Best One Yet!

What an incredible day of languages and celebrations we had here at Range High School! We want to give massive congratulations to every single student who took part and helped us celebrate European Day of Languages in style. Your entries and enthusiasm made this year's competition the best one yet.



A Huge Well Done to Our Winners!

We are thrilled to announce our brilliant winners, starting with our top prize! A massive shout-out and huge congratulations go to our winner, Charlie Ashcroft, who took 1st place with his truly wonderful and creative "Bon Anniversaire" cake! What a fantastic way to celebrate!

We also have to celebrate our amazing runners-up who made the judging process extremely difficult. Well done to:

- **2nd Place:** Anna Halliwell and Isabel Holland
- **3rd Place:** Bryony & Douglas Jones
- **4th Place:** Arabella Gorman & Millie Pritchard
- **5th Place:** Julius Zajitschek

Thank you so much to everyone for your fantastic support of the MFL Department. We loved seeing you all get involved and showing off your creative skills!

- Mrs C. Parry



Year 9 and 11 Trip to Andalucía, Spain – 25th – 28th September

On Thursday, 25th September, we arrived early at Manchester Airport, ready to start our Andalusian adventure! No sooner had we landed in Málaga than we put on our dancing shoes to take part in a Flamenco dance lesson with the marvellous Montse, learning more about the origins of the dance and putting into practice what we had learned!

The following day, we visited the gorgeous city of Granada and explored the wonderful, imposing Alhambra, learning about Spain's Islamic history and La Reconquista of 1492. We also had the opportunity to explore the Albaicín quarter, making the most of our time in Granada and practising Spanish as much as possible.



Our final excursion, on the penultimate day, was a visit to the stunning Andalusian city of Córdoba – a true melting pot of cultures. Here we explored the gardens of El Alcázar de los Reyes Católicos, wandered the streets of the Jewish quarter, and visited the mesmerising Mezquita – and even took in an impromptu outdoor Flamenco performance! There was also time to have a dip in the hotel pool and explore the amenities of Benalmádena, where we stayed.

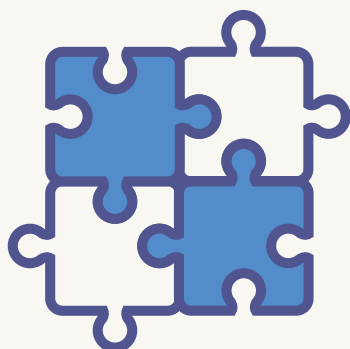
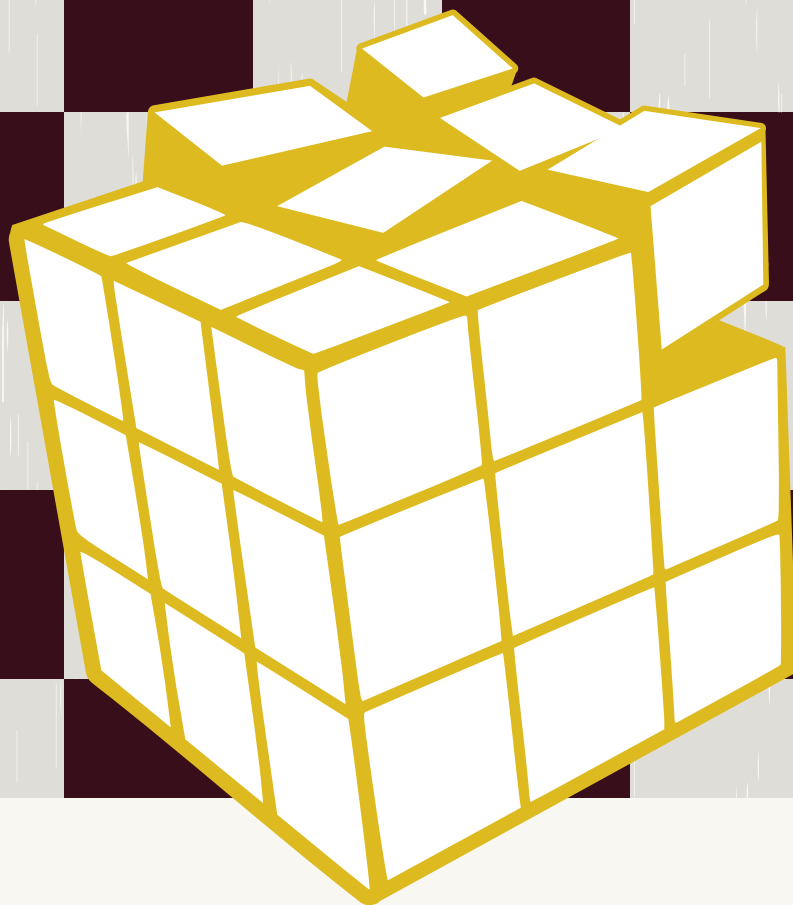
The trip provided a wonderful experience for our pupils to not only practise their Spanish but also sample first-hand Spanish culture. Our pupils were fantastic ambassadors for Range and an absolute credit to their families.

¡Hasta la próxima!

– Ms C. Parry, Mrs J. Green, and Mr J. Wilson



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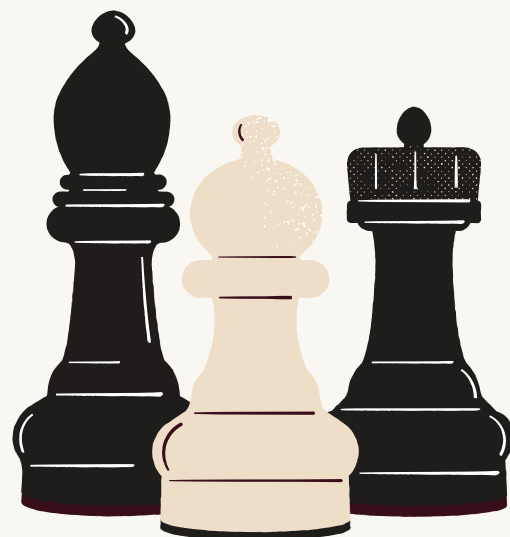
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Week 2 Wednesday

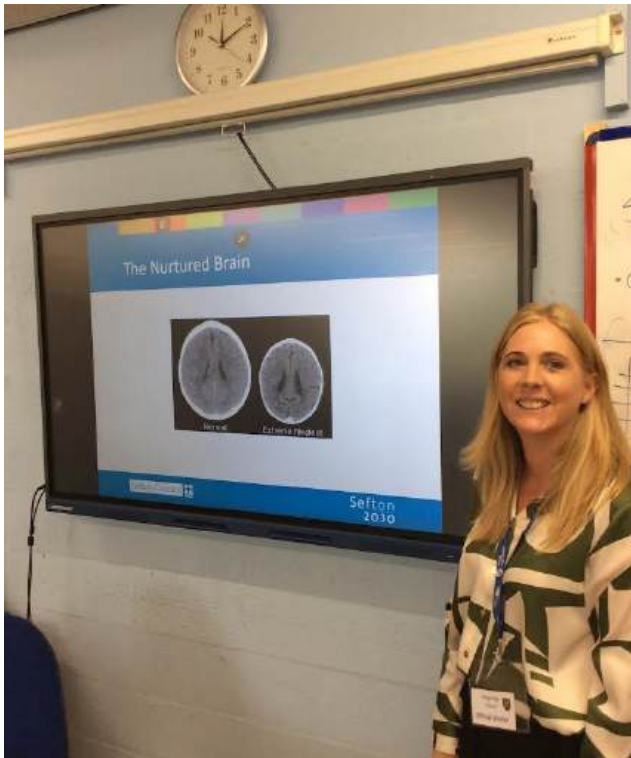
RANGE HIGH SCHOOL



Child Development Students Get Expert Insight from Sefton Council

This half term, our Year 11 Child Development class welcomed a specialist speaker, Kimberley Evans, Early Years Partnership and Project Coordinator from Sefton Council's Education Excellence team, for a truly fascinating and informative lesson.

Kimberley delivered a presentation focusing on the critical role of adults in Early Years Education and the profound impact they have on a child's development from the moment of birth.



The students were given incredible insight into the science of early development. Kimberley highlighted that children are born with nearly all the neurons they will need as adults, and they form approximately one million brain connections every second in their early years. This period is so vital that by the age of two, a child's brain is already about 80% of the size it will be as an adult.

Kimberley confirmed that the Early Years sector is continuing to grow, supported by major national initiatives. She discussed the new 'Best Start in Life' Government strategy, a plan which aims to improve family services, make early education more accessible, and enhance quality across the system, including the introduction of 'Best Start Family Hubs' across local authorities.

The presentation also referenced the high-profile 'Shaping Us' campaign, championed by The Princess of Wales, which aims to increase public understanding of how the first five years lay the foundations for lifelong mental health and resilience.

Finally, the class received a comprehensive overview of the varied and professional career pathways available in the sector, including roles such as: Room Leader, SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), Leadership and Management, Training and Consultancy, and even Policy Makers.

A huge thank you to Kimberley Evans for an exceptionally valuable and inspiring session that offered our pupils deep insight into this crucial field.



New School Council is Announced for 2025/6

The Range community is delighted to announce the formation of the new School Council for the 2025/2026 academic year. This crucial body ensures that the student perspective remains at the heart of all school decisions, making Range a truly student-focused environment.

During this term, all tutor groups across Years 7 to 11 had the opportunity to vote for at least two tutor representatives to be their voice on the council. The successful pupils are listed below and now officially represent the student body at Range. Well done to all of them for putting themselves forward and taking on this important responsibility. They have all been given an enamel badge that we hope they will wear with pride.

Each year group is supported by a key member of the Sixth Form Head Team, who acts as a mentor and liaison.



The Role of the Tutor Representatives

The role of the tutor representatives is to act as the essential bridge between the students and the school leadership. Their primary function is to actively collect the views, opinions, and ideas of their tutor group on issues that are important to them—whether that involves facilities, catering, or extra-curricular opportunities.

They meet every half term with the

Assistant Head of Year and the Head Team to voice these thoughts on behalf of their tutor group. As you can imagine, there are lots of interesting and varied points made. These suggestions are then carefully collated and discussed by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to determine what changes can be practically actioned, budgeted for, and implemented. This process is a genuine example of democracy in action within our school environment.

YEAR 7



Bradley Robertshaw | Isabelle Hayes |
Skyla Boydell | McKenzie Goodwin |
Marley Dainton King | Evie Blake Jesse
Ball | Scott Hooper | Arabella Gorman |
Freddie Johnson | Bryony Jones | Josh
Bond

Year 8



Finley Davis | Adriana Notorantonio |
Noah Wolfswinkle | Lucy McErlean |
Sophie Randell | Franklin Moss price |
Arabella Thacker | Jasper Lucus | Joel
Parker | Mia Jonson | Chamberlain
Nicols

RHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

Year 9



Heidi Mitchell | Nancy Clegg | Flynn Long | Rohan Bird | Albarra Ghariani | Emily Paybody | Rosalie Mawdsley | Isabella Howard | Katie Sharpe | Tia Blundell-Metcalf | Frankie Jones | Poppy McCallum | Ethan Royle | Ayo Ayomikun | Patrick Bodziany

Year 10



Hannah Thompson | Belle McNally | Thomas Szabo | Semi Alabi | Matthew Barnett | Amelia Peet | Kira Duffy | Isla Goffey | Lucas Stocker | Olivier Ozog | Rishi Kini | Amy Coulson | Bobby AD Marshal | Bobby Marshall | Luke Patel | Aled Hopkins | Tom Brennan

Year 11



Lamar Akef | Joni Falconer | Amy Jones | Olivia Hughes | Joel Waring Claudia Coulson | Joe Graney | Erin Plumbley | Joel Osborne | Orla Tangeman | Jamie Jawook | Matthew McKee | Mikey Carroll

Making Your Voice Heard

This process isn't just a tick-box exercise; it's fundamental to our school's ethos. We rely on these pupils to bring fresh ideas and honest feedback, ensuring that Range evolves in a way that truly benefits everyone.

The School Council has been instrumental in making real improvements in the past, including the recent upgrades to the lunchtime menu and the installation of new sports equipment on the main field. Your new representatives are now ready to continue that legacy.

If you want to share your views, ideas, and suggestions to make Range even better, we strongly encourage you to talk directly to your tutor rep.

They are your direct line to the decision-makers, so speak up and help them make **YOUR VOICE HEARD!**



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Young Writers Competition – Grim Tales Success: Celebrating Magdalena Jones’ Writing Success

The English Department is delighted to celebrate the wonderful achievement of Magdalena Jones (10NJJ & 10AU/E), who has been recognised by Young Writers for her exceptional creativity and talent. Magdalena has received a “Talent for Writing” certificate and has been featured in the prestigious Grim Tales – Once Upon A Time Chronicles anthology, published by Young Writers. This is an outstanding accomplishment that highlights Magdalena’s imagination, skill, and dedication to her craft. Her teachers – Miss Jeffreys, Mrs Underwood, and Mrs Skinner – are all extremely proud of her success and the hard work she has put into developing her writing.



Magdalena’s achievement serves as an inspiration to her peers and a reminder of the power of storytelling. Congratulations, Magdalena, on this fantastic recognition of your talent! In addition to Magdalena’s success, the English Department is also thrilled to

announce a further incredible achievement in the Young Writers competition – we had an amazing 44 of our students selected for publication in the anthology.

Their challenge was to take a story we all think we know and twist it into something completely unexpected. Our students rose brilliantly to this task, demonstrating imagination, originality, and a real flair for storytelling. Their work will now sit proudly alongside that of other young writers from across the country.

Congratulations to the following students whose work has been published this year:

Sophie Randall, Lily Kent, Daisy Williams, Lola Matthews, Thomas Szabo, Bobby Marshall, Alex Wright, Felicia Chan, Scott Matthews, Nancy Clegg, Phoebe-Rose Devlin, Charlie Bateman, Liam Vaughan, Valerie Mattock, Kirandeep Sangha, Adriana Squire Da Silva, Omar Ali, Matthew Barnett, Annabelle Cowin, Magdalena Jones, Amaya Rodriguez, Jack Fielding, Josh Bull, Alice Dean, Mea Hosgood, Jacob Lavin, Serena Povey, Maria Perju, Natalia Tynan, Erin Johnson, Eva Bevin, Hannah Thompson, Matilda Blake, Kira Duffy, Lewis Neale, Pierce Quinn, Georgina Beesley, Angel Phillips, Lola McCluskie, Ethan Burr, Millie Kaye-Styring, Alice Moors, Adam Jackson and Amelia Peet.

One student reflected, *“It was so much fun to take a story everyone knows and make it darker and more surprising. I can’t wait to see my writing in a real book!”*

Copies of Grim Tales – Once Upon A Time Chronicles will be available to order directly from the publisher, just visit their website: www.youngwriters.co.uk and we encourage families to celebrate this fantastic success by supporting our young authors.

Range High English Department and the whole school community are incredibly proud of every student who entered this competition, and especially those who will now see their creative work in print. Well done to all on this fantastic achievement!

Book Fair Brings a Week of Reading Excitement!

From 6th October, school was filled with enthusiasm and curiosity as the first annual Book Fair took over the library for an entire week. Organised by the English Department, the event transformed the space into a colourful hub of books, imagination, and discovery.

Students from all year groups had the chance to browse an impressive collection of books, ranging from gripping adventures and fantasy tales to moving real-life stories, inspiring non-fiction and revision resources. There was truly something for everyone – whether you were a budding writer, a mystery lover, or simply looking for your next great read. Teachers and students alike enjoyed discussing their favourite titles and recommending books to one another, creating a real sense of community around reading.

The fair was not only about finding new stories to enjoy, but also about encouraging a lifelong love of reading. Many students took home books that sparked their imagination and inspired them to keep turning the pages long after the fair ended. In addition, the event helped the school library receive a selection of new titles for free, ensuring that reading continues to be at the heart of our learning culture.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Book Fair such a success – especially the students, families, and staff who supported it throughout the week. It was a wonderful celebration of books, creativity, and the power of stories to connect us all.



Extracurricular Activities are Back in Full Swing!

The start of a new school year always brings fresh opportunities for our students to get involved in extracurricular activities and to represent the school across a variety of sports and events. Already this term, we've welcomed many new faces and seen new teams come together with great enthusiasm. Building on last year's success and participation, our students have once again made us incredibly proud. Their dedication, energy and teamwork set a fantastic tone for the year ahead, and they have been an absolute pleasure to work with.

Year 7 Football Team Shines in First Tournament

The Year 7 football team represented Range brilliantly in their first tournament of the year.

Placed in Group A, the boys opened with a hard-fought draw against a strong Formby High side, showing great determination and teamwork throughout.

Knowing a win was needed in their second game to reach the final, Range produced an outstanding performance to beat Christ the King 5-0, displaying clinical finishing and excellent team play.



In the final, they faced a talented Birkdale High team and, despite a defeat, the boys put in a spirited performance full of effort and resilience. There were plenty of positives to take forward, and the team can be proud of their attitude, commitment, and promise for the season ahead.

Year 8 Football: A Brilliant Start to the Season

The Year 8 footballers have made a fantastic start to the season, showcasing both skill and outstanding attitude across two recent events.

North Sefton Schools Tournament Success

The team kicked off their campaign at the North Sefton Schools Tournament, held at Stanley High in Southport.

After a narrow 2-1 defeat to the hosts in their opening game, the team bounced back with real determination, defeating Meols Cop 2-0 before edging Formby 2-1 in a thrilling final match. The highlight came when Oliver Burr unleashed a spectacular 30-yard strike that sealed the victory in style.

Finishing 3rd overall was a brilliant achievement, but even more impressive were the boys' attitude, teamwork and conduct throughout the day. They represented the school with pride and set the tone for what promises to be an exciting season ahead. Well done, lads!

Dominant Victory over St Michael's

Our Year 8 football team put in another fantastic performance against St Michael's, winning 10–2 in a dominant display.

From the first whistle, they were in control, playing with confidence and style. Goals came from across the team, with Joey Smith, Oliver Burr, Dan Grimes, and Rio Naqvi among the scorers.

The squad is really starting to click, getting stronger with every game. A brilliant result! We now await the victors of the Maghull vs Litherland match in the next round.

Year 9 Footballers Show Promise at Festival

The Year 9 football team participated in the festival at Stanley High, where they showcased great teamwork and determination throughout the day.

The team secured two impressive victories and narrowly missed out in a tightly contested match. Their performance demonstrated strong skill development and a real understanding of the game, giving plenty of encouragement as they continue to build momentum for the season ahead.

The PE department is incredibly proud of their effort, commitment, and sportsmanship. With this level of enthusiasm, it promises to be a great season!

Sixth Form Football Team Shows Promise Against Merchant Taylors'

The Sixth Form team travelled to face Merchant Taylors' in a competitive fixture.

The first half saw Range dominate possession and create numerous chances, but despite their efforts, they were unable to find a breakthrough. Unfortunately, three goals were conceded, which did not reflect the quality and control shown during this period.

The second half continued in the same dominant fashion from Range, with the team pulling a goal back through a determined performance. However, it proved to be too little, too late, and the match ended in defeat.

Despite the scoreline, there were many positives to take from the team's commitment, style of play, and resilience for upcoming fixtures. We look forward to seeing the Sixth Form team build on this performance in their next match!



Power Football: Champions Once Again!

Our Power Football team travelled to Greenbank Sports Academy to defend their Merseyside title — and did so in style!

The team of four were outstanding throughout, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, skill and experience to once again come out victorious.

Huge congratulations to all involved for an incredible performance and for continuing to make Range High proud!

Cross Country Success at Merseyside Round

Our Intermediate Boys (Years 9 & 10) and Senior Boys (Years 11-13) recently took part in the Merseyside Round of the English Schools Cross Country Cup, held at Arrowe Park.

The course was as tough as they come, with unforgiving terrain, rolling hills, and sections of dense woodland putting all runners to the test. The competition was fierce, with high-calibre athletes from across the region pushing the pace.

Despite the challenging conditions, our boys gave everything they had, digging deep and leaving it all out on the course. We couldn't be prouder of their grit, determination, and team spirit.



Special congratulations goes to our Senior Boys team, who have successfully qualified for the Regional Round of the competition! We look forward to seeing how they perform as the competition heats up.

Well done to all our competitors—your hard work and dedication truly stood out!



Get Involved! Extra-Curricular Clubs Challenge

Attendance at the wide range of extra-curricular activities offered by the PE department has been fantastic.

It's brilliant to see so many students continuing to develop the skills they've learned in lessons while enjoying sport beyond the classroom.

We'd love to see even more students getting involved, so we're setting a challenge: try to attend at least one club each week.

Get involved, have fun, and you won't be disappointed!

– PE Team

Year 8 PGL Trip – Boreatton Park 2025

Our Year 8 students recently enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to Boreatton Park with PGL.

Over two action-packed days, the pupils tackled a wide range of exciting and challenging team-building activities, resulting in plenty of laughter, adventure, and personal achievement. Facing Heights and Teamwork



Our students faced incredible challenges, especially with the high ropes. The Giant Swing was pure adrenaline; working as a team, pupils hoisted each other metres into the sky before experiencing a breath-taking drop and incredible acceleration. Even more courage was required for the Trapeze. Students had to climb a towering pole, stand on a tiny platform, and take a massive leap of faith to grab the hanging bar. Witnessing the support and encouragement they gave each other during these scary moments was truly inspiring!



Other highlights included canoeing across the lake and testing their aim with archery tag and laser tag.

Evenings were just as memorable, featuring a lively silent disco and a thrilling game of ambush..



The trip was a brilliant opportunity for the students to build confidence, develop teamwork skills, and create lasting memories with their peers. A huge thank you to the staff who supported the trip and helped make it such a success!

- Mrs L. Gallagher



Congratulations on achieving your Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze and/or Silver Award.

Maddie Swinden
Holly Foster
Alfie Griffiths
Eva Robinson
Jaydn Turley
Lydia Lea
Annabella Mawdsley
Ryan Condon
Alaina Connelly
Edward Falconer
Leah Grew
Owen Griffiths
Eva Haughey
Magdalena Jones
Jacob Lavin
Maria Perju
Laura Piggott
Jamie Swinden
Thomas Szabó
Emma Tunncliffe
Sin Ying Felicia Chan
Bobby A D Marshall
Serena Povey
Adriana Squire Da Silva
Isobel Tynan
Erin Jones
Pierce Quinn
Natalia Tynan
Isla Goffey
HenryRenton

We are very proud that these young people this year have completed their Award. They will now receive a Badge and Certificate in school or at the Presentation held on the 16th October 2025. Another recognition is that the young people have been able to show dedication to an activity and work with others to succeed. Well done. Over the summer, our Gold Participants took part in their Practice Expedition and are now planning their Qualifying Expedition to take place next year. We are now holding our launch night next term.

If you would like to finish your Award after working hard on your expedition, then please email jr@range.sefton.sch.uk
Workshops to help pupils are held every Tuesday at 12.30 pm in Room 2 – all welcome

NHS attendance advice

As we are moving into the winter months, many of us will have coughs, colds and flu-like symptoms. Please see the advice from the NHS about when it is considered necessary to keep your son/daughter out of school. You will see that many of these symptoms still advise attendance at school and therefore may not be absences that we can authorise. Please note that 10 sessions or 5 days of unauthorised absence, in any combination, may incur a fixed penalty notice leading to a fine.

Attendance Code

- O - unauthorised codes are
- U - arriving after the register has closed
- G - unauthorised leave of absence.


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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek


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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



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HALLOWEEN & BONFIRE NIGHT



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Fireworks & The Law

- It is illegal for anyone under 18 to purchase fireworks.
- Being in possession of fireworks in a public place under the age of 18 is an offence.
- Misusing fireworks can cause serious injury and lead to criminal charges.

WHAT IS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR? (ASB)

ASB is behaviour that causes harassment, alarm, or distress to others. Examples include:

- Throwing objects at buses, cars, houses, or people
- Vandalism or damaging property
- Intimidating or threatening behaviour
- Setting off fireworks in the street or in unsafe areas

Consequences of ASB

Getting into trouble with the police can have long-term consequences, including:

- A criminal record
- Restrictions on travelling abroad, which could affect family holidays
- Impact on future education and employment opportunities

Safety Advice

- Attend an organised bonfire or firework display rather than using fireworks at home.
- Never go back to a lit firework — even if it looks like it hasn't gone off.
- Never give sparklers to a child under 5 years old.

IF CLOTHING CATCHES FIRE

- **STOP** – do not run, as this will make the flames worse
- **DROP** – get down to the ground immediately
- **ROLL** – roll over and over to help put the flames out

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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

- Encourage your child to attend safe, organised events.
- Talk to them about the dangers and consequences of ASB.
- Remind them that fireworks are not toys and can cause life-changing injuries.
- Know where your child is and who they are with during Bonfire Night and Halloween.

REPORTING OPTIONS

If you witness ASB or dangerous use of fireworks, you can report it to:

- Merseyside Police – Call 101 (or 999 in an emergency)
- Fearless – <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless/what-is-fearless> (anonymous reporting for young people)

By working together, we can help ensure that Bonfire Night and Halloween are enjoyable, safe, and respectful for everyone in our community.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the sessions or would like further information on hate crime, please contact your designated safeguarding lead within your school, who may be able to assist, or speak to your Safer Schools Officer on your behalf.

Media NEA Day

On Friday 17 October, our Year 11 Media Studies students dedicated a crucial full day to the intense completion of their Non-Exam Assessment (NEA) practical unit. This demanding task requires them to fully engage with the production process, challenging them to create both a striking DVD cover and a powerful poster for a film concept entirely of their own design.

Crucially, students were tasked with building these assets from scratch, which included carrying out their own photoshoots to generate all the necessary, original imagery.



Students showed incredible focus and dedication throughout the day, driven by their individual creative visions. It was immensely rewarding to see the level of hard work and meticulous attention to detail displayed as they fine-tuned their layouts, perfected their typography, and finalised their graphics. The resultant pieces of work are truly remarkable, demonstrating not only advanced technical skill in editing and design but also a high

degree of originality and professional polish.



A huge well done to Year 11 for their exceptional effort and outstanding achievements in this challenging piece of coursework!

- Mrs J Wilson



Beach Walks

As part of the year 8 subject on coastal locality this year, students have been studying the local architecture in Liverpool and also looking at the importance of the National Trust and the surrounding area. We are very lucky here at Range to be situated in such a beautiful, natural and protected landscape right on our doorstep.



Pupils have had the enjoyable and beneficial experience of visiting the beach on nature walks to collect shells and coastal items to bring back to the classroom to do observational drawings from.



Open Evening

For Open Evening this year, many Year 5 and 6 pupils visited the Art Department, where they could participate in a photo shoot at our 'Selfie Station' using props and backdrops. They could also take professional-style photos of natural objects in a studio-quality light box. The opportunity to make Sgraffito style bookmarks was on offer in Room 50, simple, effective and not too messy!



Ian Murphy Workshop

Accomplished artist Ian Murphy visited Range recently to work with our Year 10 students. Whilst here, he shared his own personal techniques and skills he has learnt throughout his own career, spanning many years both here and abroad. The opportunity to be taught and work alongside Ian Murphy was a fantastic experience for pupils that will help to extend and improve their own skills in art.



Sefton Young Artist Competition

Congratulations to Kirandeep Sangha as her artwork was a winner in the Sefton Young Artist of the Year Competition 2025!



Her skull drawing was exhibited at The Atkinson over the summer, a great achievement for all of her hard work she puts in in the Art Department. Well done.

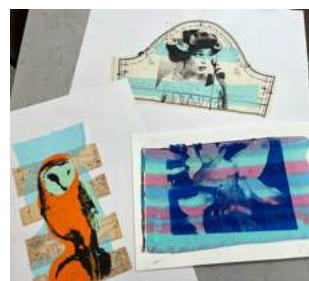
Southport College Sixth Form Print Workshop

This term we had the opportunity to be invited to Southport College to take part in a silkscreen workshop hosted by their Art Department.



We took a small group of Sixth Form students for the morning session. Ahead of the workshop the students' own images were forwarded so they could be put on to the screens. Some fantastic outcomes were produced to add to their coursework as an extra development.

"I really enjoyed experimenting with different media to see how this would impact my work. I was also really excited to visit the college overall as they had so many resources that aren't in school and the student examples on display gave me lots of inspiration for my own work. In addition, it gave me the opportunity to not only explore areas of photography but textiles and art, which both interest me and could help me to display and convey my ideas in different ways." Ellie Mackenzie Year 13



Art & Photography London Trip

Looking forward to the end of the year, planning is underway for an exciting Art and Photography A-level trip, where students in both Year 12 and 13 will have a fantastic opportunity to visit our capital city, London. This is an exciting, festive trip to enhance students' exposure to cultural experiences, taking place from the 3rd of December.



Unmissable highlights of the trip include a visit to Madame Tussauds and Marvel Universe 4D, the Skydeck at The Shard, Southbank Christmas markets, and the Illuminated River. Students will also view culturally significant works at the National Portrait Gallery and at the Gilbert & George Centre, letting them explore the surrounding area of Spitalfields Market and Shoreditch.



They will also have the amazing opportunity of experiencing the magical ice sculptures at Hyde Park Winter Wonderland and trying ice skating at the UK's largest outdoor ice rink. A proposed trip for 2025 is a visit to the David Bowie Centre at the V&A East storehouse, a new creative workspace built around the world's largest collection dedicated to the life and work of David Bowie.



These trips to experience art and culture in our capital city first-hand are an invaluable part of students' studies.

- Art department





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RANGE SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2025, 5-7PM

Come and see why our students achieve some of the best results in the North West !



SIXTH FORM NEWS

The Head Team 2025-26

We are delighted to introduce our new Head Team and Head Students. The Head Team plays a vital role in the Sixth Form, as well as in the main school.

The team meets weekly with Miss Ball to address issues and make suggestions for changes and improvements to the school. So far, the team has helped to implement a Year 11 study club and a peer mentoring system, with the support of Mrs McGugan and Mr Wilson.

Additionally, each member of the team has a lunch duty every week where they work with lower school pupils outside. We are excited to be working with such a brilliant team and are looking forward to seeing the work they do this year!



PSHE in the Sixth Form this half term

Our Sixth Form students have recently benefited from two PSHE sessions designed to support their personal development and wellbeing.

On Monday, 22nd September, representatives from Merseyside Fire and Rescue delivered interactive workshops to Year 12 and Year 13 students on the topic of safe driving. Using virtual reality technology,

students were able to experience first-hand some of the dangers of the road and learned practical ways to stay safe as new and future drivers.

More recently, on Tuesday, 21st October, Year 12 students took part in a session led by the charity Change Grow Live, focusing on raising awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The session encouraged open discussion and reflection, helping students make informed and responsible choices as they move into adulthood.

Both events were highly valuable experiences, giving students important insights into personal safety, responsibility and well-being.



Change Grow Live

Range Sixth Formers Get Future-Ready at Edge Hill Careers Fair

Students spent a highly successful and insightful day this Wednesday at the Edge Hill University Careers Fair, taking crucial steps towards planning their post-18 futures.

Students engage in a range of activities designed to inform and inspire. Key highlights of the day included an extensive campus tour, giving students a feel for the university environment and its facilities, and attending taster lectures focused on specific degree courses they may wish to pursue.

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Crucially, the students benefited from direct engagement with employers and industry professionals at the Careers Fair. This allowed them to gather first-hand information on graduate careers, apprenticeships, and the entry requirements for various professions. Range Sixth Form students gained personal experiences which are absolutely vital to enable our students to make informed and ambitious decisions about their next steps.



Range Sixth Form netball v Scarsbrick Hall

The netball season is underway once again and with several new Year 12 students joining the squad, the senior netball team is looking stronger than ever. The team played their first game against Scarsbrick and won 37-28. There were some excellent performances across the court, with a special mention to the attacking players for their outstanding shooting accuracy (Issy Cave and Grace Ashcroft). Overall, the team demonstrated excellent teamwork and there was some brilliant passing down court. This strong start puts Range Sixth netball team in a great position as they head into the first round of the National Schools Competition. Well done, girls!

- Mrs Phillips



Lorenz - Exchange student

This term Range Sixth Form welcomed an exchange student - Lorenz Sedlmayer.

Lorenz spent four weeks with us at the start of year 12 as an exchange student from Germany.

During this time, he fully involved himself in student life. During his time with us, he studied Art, PE and Physics, enjoying the UK A Level structure, with its very in-depth focus on a small number of subjects in contrast to the German system.

In particular, he enjoyed the art lessons, in which he was able to practise and perfect his graphite drawings of hands as well as trying new shading and watercolour techniques, although he very much still prefers graphite!. Having made some new friends and having had a great time at Range, he will surely have made happy memories for the rest of his life.

- Zajitschek, Julius

Year 13's Eye-Opening Crown Court Visit

On the 15th of October, our Year 13 Psychology and Criminology students took a highly valuable educational trip to Liverpool Crown Court to observe real criminal trials in session.

This visit provided an exceptional opportunity to move beyond textbook theory and see the judicial process in action.



Students were able to witness first-hand how a criminal case progresses, from the initial plea to the presentation of evidence. They gained vital insights into the distinct and critical roles of the different court personnel, including the barristers, clerks, and the judge, as well as the important function of the jury in determining the facts of a case.

For our Criminology students, this was a tangible look at procedural justice, while Psychology students could observe courtroom dynamics, non-verbal communication, and the reliability of witness testimony.



It was a highly informative day, featuring some truly interesting cases that ranged significantly in severity—from charges of drink-driving and theft to more complex cases involving serious assault and murder charges. This wide exposure helped students appreciate the full spectrum of criminal law and the profound impact of the court's decisions on people's lives.

– Mrs H. Povey, Curriculum Area Leader for Psychology and Criminology

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This was an invaluable day of immersion in a rapidly evolving sector, providing our students with insight into future career pathways and the ethical considerations surrounding this transformative technology.

A huge well done to our Sixth Form students for representing the school and for embracing this major opportunity to engage with the future of digital innovation!

– Sixth Form Team



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