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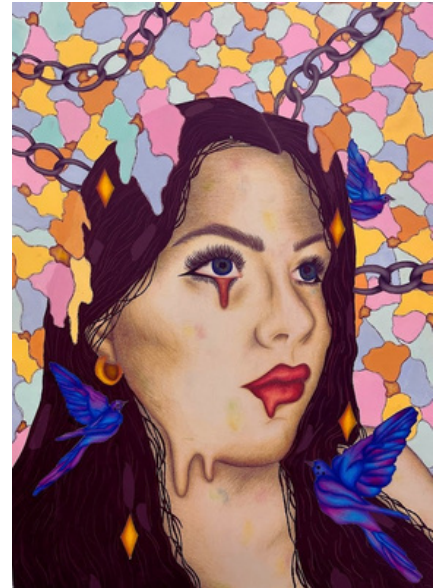
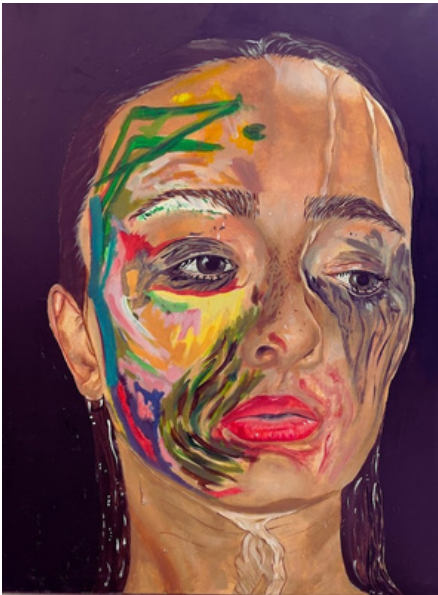
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# CREATIVE COUNCIL



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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear All,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the sunshine that we have been promised in the last few days- although cool, it's been remarkably suited to exam season recently which is good! Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter which, once again, is packed full of interesting stories, information and articles relating to all kinds of activities happening in and around our Range community. We have recently been highlighting the importance of great attendance with the wider school community – thank you for your support in helping us to improve school attendance rates across the school.

I am often amazed at what some of our students achieve and how they push themselves in the Arts, sport or community events. Some of them are performing at national and even international level and they often do it quietly and behind the scenes. In fact, they will often shy away from any kind of fanfare when suggested to them. I won't single out any individual here but I'm sure you will be interested to read of their achievements and will join me in congratulating them for their resilience, determination and hard work. I am also very proud of our new 'woodland area' named after Sir David Attenborough and also a space to continue to remember Ruby and our wonderful Nurse Gaynor who sadly passed away earlier this year. Thank you to Mr Hughes and all of our students who have been involved in this fantastic project.

I know you will also join me in wishing all of our Y11 and Y13 students every success in their examinations. We are currently in the middle of exam season and although nerves are somewhat 'frayed' everyone is doing their best to remain focused and on-track. Our Y10 students have also had their Citizenship GCSE. I am quietly confident that all of their hard work will translate into real success when the results come in. Thanks, as always, to all of our dedicated staff who are working tirelessly to support everyone at this challenging time. Thanks also to everyone at home. Your children would not be able to achieve to their ability without your ever present support and encouragement.

As per the recent communication you had from Ian Raikes, CEO at the Southport Learning Trust, you will know that Mrs Amanda Ryan has been appointed as the new Headteacher of the school taking up her post from 1st September. Mrs Ryan has already been in for a visit and is very much looking forward to starting her new role. I will be working closely with her in the coming weeks to ensure a smooth handover and transition. I am sure she will be in communication with you during that period.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our Senior Student Team of 25/26. Ably led by Eleanor, James and Emily, this team of dedicated students have worked tirelessly throughout the year with the student councils, different year groups and the staff. They have represented school at so many events and occasions. Well done to all of them and I wish them every success in the exams and as they move on to the next exciting chapter in their lives.

Finally, and as always, thank you, all of our parents and carers, who work with us on a daily basis. Your positive support and input is much appreciated by me, the governors of the school and the wider staff.

Wishing you all a 'sunny' and enjoyable half-term break!

Mike McGarry  
Headteacher

# KS3 HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGES

## Year 7

What an absolutely fantastic term it has been. You have all worked incredibly hard, thrown yourselves into every challenge, and shown exactly what makes this year group so special. From brilliant effort in the classroom to wonderful kindness and teamwork outside it, you should all be immensely proud of everything you've achieved over the last few weeks.

Now, it is finally time to switch off the school brains for a little while. We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing half-term break

We already cannot wait to welcome you all back for the rest of the summer term. Bring your usual brilliant energy, your smiles, and let's finish the school year on an absolute high. Have a fantastic, safe half-term, Year 7—see you very soon!

*-Miss Singleton & Mr Critchley*



## Year 8

We now enter our final term in Year 8, and the students have continued to work hard as they approach Year 9. The Year 8 football team lost out in the Merseyside Cup semi-finals in a 9-goal thriller. Losing 5-4. Mr Robinson said the team played some excellent football along the way and were unlucky to lose at this stage. Better luck next year!

Some of our students have joined the LFC mentoring programme this term. The programme enables the older students to pass on their knowledge and support to our new Year 7 in September. The team spent the day at Anfield working with LFC to gain some valuable know-how, so they can help the younger students settle into High school.

Finally, a big well done to Karis Fung 8SAH. Karis took part in a major competition in London, gaining a 1st and 2nd place and Miss Flexible in her events. The school are very proud of her efforts and dedication to the sport. Good luck for the future, Karis!

Have a good half-term and see you on June 1st.

*-Mr S Rudd & Mrs L Gallagher*

## Year 9

You have officially made it to the end of another incredibly busy term, and you should be so proud of how you've handled it. Year 9 can be a demanding year as things start to step up, but the maturity, dedication, and sheer resilience you have shown over the past few weeks has been brilliant to see. Whether it's in your academic subjects, sports, or creative endeavours, your hard work is really paying off.

Now, it is time to put the books away and enjoy a thoroughly deserved half-term break. You have all put in a tremendous amount of effort, so make sure you take these days to completely switch off, relax, and do things that make you happy.

Get some fresh air, catch up on sleep, and spend some quality time with family and friends so you can fully recharge those batteries.

We cannot wait to see you all back, feeling refreshed and ready for the final stretch of the summer term. Let's keep this fantastic momentum going and finish the school year on a real high.

Have a safe and wonderful half-term, Year 9!

*-Ms N Wilson & Mr J Wilson*



# KS4/5 HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGES

## Year 10

What a fantastic half-term it has been! We want to say a massive well done to each and every one of you for the tireless effort and dedication you've shown while preparing for your Citizenship GCSE exam. Your hard work hasn't gone unnoticed, and you should be incredibly proud of yourselves. Now that the papers are in, we are keeping our fingers crossed for you all until results day in August! While you definitely deserve a moment to breathe, the journey doesn't stop here. Next half term, Year 10 will be sitting their End of Year Exams, starting the week beginning 22nd June.

Over the coming weeks, your teachers will be providing you with tailored revision ideas, resources, and plenty of support. We encourage you to use your remaining time wisely so you can walk into those exam rooms feeling confident and ready to give your absolute best performance.

For now, it's time to recharge. We wish you all a deeply restful, safe, and enjoyable half-term break. Get some fresh air, relax, and we will see you refreshed and ready to tackle the final stretch!

- Mr C Jump & Ms P McCarthy

## Year 11

As we reach the half-term break, we want to take a moment to say a massive well done to each and every one of you. You have been an absolutely fabulous year group from day one, and the maturity, grace, and determination you have shown during the start of this exam season has been nothing short of inspiring. We know how much pressure you are under, but your work ethic and positive attitude have shone through brightly.

We are wishing you the absolute best of luck for the rest of your GCSE exams—keep pushing, believe in yourselves, and finish strong!

Looking beyond the summer, we are so excited for the future and truly hope to see many of you returning to join us in the Sixth Form next year. Have a safe, restful, and productive half-term, Year 11. We are all incredibly proud of you!

- Mrs J Plumbley & Mr K Dudridge

While we know revision is still on the agenda, please make sure you use this half-term break to find some balance. Take some well-deserved time to step away from the textbooks, get some fresh air, and look after yourselves. You have worked incredibly hard, and resting your mind is just as important as revising.



## Sixth Form

As we reach the end of the first summer half-term, we officially say goodbye to our wonderful Year 13 students as they embark on their study leave. We are incredibly proud of your hard work and wish you the absolute best of luck with your remaining A-Level exams and future endeavours!

We know you will approach your revision with the same dedication you've shown all year. Have a restful, productive half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming Year 12 back for the final stretch of the year.

-Mr J McKay & Miss H. Ball

Meanwhile, Year 12 students are stepping up as the leaders of the school, with their focus now turning toward their crucial end-of-year mock exams.



# RANGE SUPERSTARS

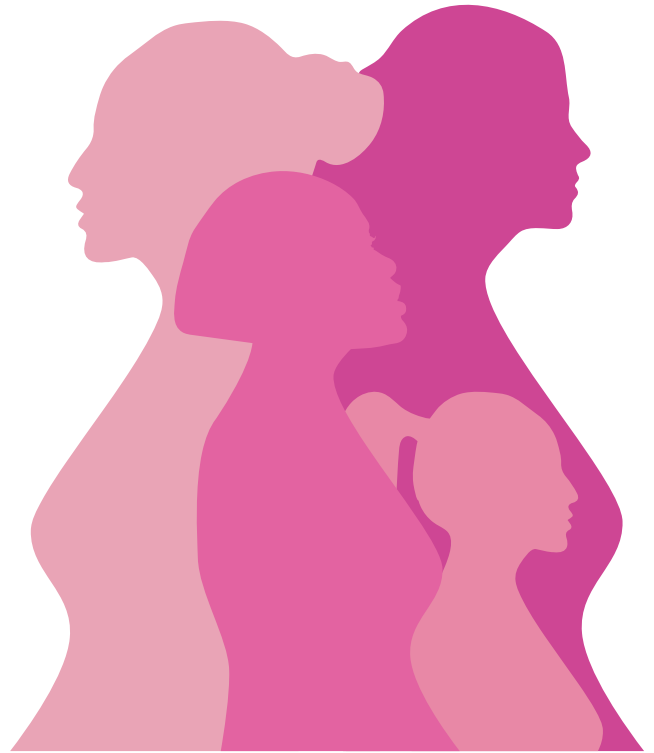
## Year 9 Girls Inspired at Anfield's We Empower Event

A group of Year 9 girls recently enjoyed an inspiring visit to Anfield Stadium to take part in the exciting We Empower event. The day was designed to celebrate the achievements of women throughout history whilst encouraging students to develop confidence, resilience and new skills.

Throughout the event, students took part in a wide range of interactive workshops and activities. They explored the world of coding, learning how technology and digital skills can open doors to future careers. Students also stepped into the boxing arena, where they developed teamwork, determination and self confidence through practical challenges.



Another fascinating part of the day focused on sports psychology, where students learned about the mental side of performance and how mindset, motivation and resilience can help individuals succeed both in sport and in everyday life.



The event also highlighted the achievements of influential women who have changed history, helping students to reflect on the importance of equality, ambition and empowerment.

All of the students represented the school brilliantly throughout the day and fully embraced every opportunity on offer. It was a fantastic experience that left the group feeling motivated, inspired and empowered for the future.

- Mr Wilson, Assistant Head of Year 9

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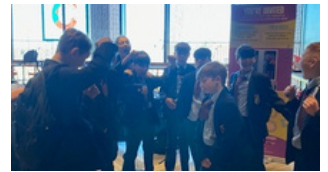
## Range High School Students Champion Road Safety at LFC Foundation Event

A group of Year 7 boys from Range High School recently took part in an incredibly important and impactful day focused on community well-being and personal awareness. On Thursday 30th April, the students travelled to the Merseyside Road Safety Partnership (MRSP) Road Safety Event, which was hosted in collaboration with the Liverpool Football Club Foundation.



The event was designed specifically to engage young people with the vital realities of road safety, using the inspiring backdrop of the LFC Foundation to deliver messages that truly resonate. Throughout the day, the boys participated in interactive sessions and workshops that highlighted the crucial role pedestrians and future drivers play in keeping themselves and others safe.

From understanding the dangers of distractions, like mobile phones and headphones, to recognising the perspectives of drivers on busy Merseyside roads, the sessions provided the pupils with practical knowledge and a heightened sense of responsibility.



Our Year 7 students represented Range High School with exemplary behaviour and maturity. They actively engaged with the presenters, asked insightful questions, and demonstrated a keen understanding of the serious topics discussed. By collaborating with students from other schools, they also developed their teamwork and communication skills, proving themselves to be excellent ambassadors for our school community.

We are immensely proud of the boys for their positive attitude and active participation in such a vital initiative. The insights they gained from the MRSP and LFC Foundation will undoubtedly help them navigate our local roads more safely and confidently. We hope they will share these crucial safety messages with their peers back at school, helping to foster a culture of awareness and care across all year groups.



## Range High School Woodland, Named in Honour of Sir David Attenborough on His 100th Birthday

Five years ago, Range High School embarked on a special journey to bring a touch of nature into our school grounds. What began as a small initiative with the planting of ten oak trees has blossomed into a thriving woodland, now officially named in honour of Sir David Attenborough on his 100th birthday.



The journey started with our Year 7 students, who bravely braved the soil and weather to plant the first trees. Those students are now in Year 12, and much has changed since their first planting day—but the legacy of their efforts remains firmly rooted in our school grounds. Our trees were sourced from the Woodland Trust, which generously provides free tree packs to schools and community groups. For the core of our woodland, we chose the copse pack, which included silver birch, rowan, and wild cherry.



Originally, our vision was to create a simple border around the area. Rather than using a traditional fence, we decided a natural hedge would be a more inspiring choice. The hedge pack, featuring dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple, and dogwood, was planted along the boundary.



To our delight, nature had its own plans: additional trees, such as Norwegian maple, black alder, and even an apple tree, self-seeded near the fence, likely growing from seeds dropped by neighbouring trees. This unexpected diversity has given the woodland a more natural and dynamic feel, turning it into a mini-ecosystem right at the heart of our school.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

Over the years, the woodland has grown to become more than just a haven for trees and wildlife. It has become a place for reflection and remembrance. Last year, we planted two cherry blossom trees in memory of Ruby Jones, who sadly passed away, allowing her memory to bloom alongside the other trees.



More recently, we lost our beloved school nurse, Gaynor Spence. In her memory, we planted a weeping cherry blossom and are planning to place a bench nearby, offering a quiet space for staff and students to sit, reflect, and remember. Additionally, we will be planting poppies in this area, as they were something close to Gaynor's heart.

Though the woodland is still young, the growth over the past five years has been remarkable. What was once a modest cluster of trees has transformed into a vibrant, green space that provides habitat for wildlife, offers shade and shelter, and creates a serene environment for contemplation.

The combination of planned plantings and self-sown trees has resulted in a rich tapestry of species, truly giving the area the feel of a miniature woodland.



This week, we marked five years since our first planting. On Friday, to celebrate the centenary of Sir David Attenborough, we proudly named the woodland in his honour. His lifelong dedication to nature and environmental conservation makes him the perfect inspiration for our woodland, reminding us of the importance of protecting and nurturing our natural world.

From a batch of ten young oaks to a flourishing woodland filled with diverse species, memories, and reflection, the Range High School woodland stands as a testament to what can grow when care, vision, and nature come together. It is a space where students, staff, and visitors can connect with nature, celebrate life, and honour the memories of those we hold dear—all under the canopy of trees that continue to grow, just as our school community does.



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## Year 9 Students Explore Wildlife and Conservation at Chester Zoo

A group of Year 9 students recently embarked on an unforgettable trip to Chester Zoo, accompanied by their teacher, Mr Hughes, their Head of Year, Mrs Wilson, and a selection of our enthusiastic trainee teachers. The students were buzzing with excitement, ready for a day filled with learning, adventure, and close encounters with some of the world's most fascinating animals.



Upon arrival, the students were divided into groups and guided around the park by their teachers. The highlight of the morning was an insightful conservation workshop, where students learned about the vital work being done to protect wildlife globally. The session covered pressing issues such as poaching, habitat destruction, and the impact these have on animal populations. Students also explored how animals are sometimes used by humans, including in medicine, and were encouraged to reflect on their own role in protecting the planet. Thought-provoking discussions fostered a genuine sense of responsibility towards wildlife, with zoo staff sharing how they contribute to conservation efforts every day.

After the workshop, the students had the chance to see a range of incredible animals up close. From majestic lions and leopards to Komodo dragons, monkeys, snakes, and even butterflies, the zoo offered a truly immersive experience.

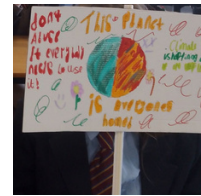
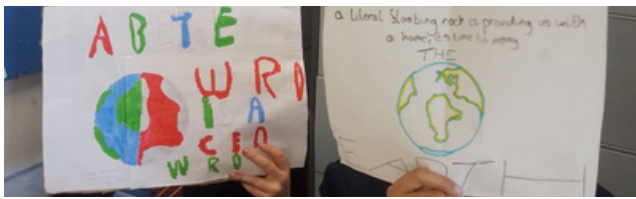


A particularly memorable—and slightly nerve-wracking—stop was the bat cave, where students observed the unique creatures in their habitat. The excitement continued with a boat journey that brought the group face-to-face with a lion, allowing for a rare and personal encounter with one of nature's most awe-inspiring predators. This trip was not only thrilling but also educational, offering fantastic extracurricular support for our GCSE students as they prepare to enter Year 10. Topics such as animal and plant adaptations, sustainable rainforest and desert management, and the broader "Living World" curriculum were all brought vividly to life during the visit.

The Chester Zoo trip was a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect classroom learning with real-world conservation, creating memories—and awareness—that will last a lifetime.

## Year 7 Raise Their Voices in Silence: A Centenary Tribute to Sir David Attenborough

In a powerful display of environmental activism, our Year 7 students took to the school fields this week to stage a silent protest against climate change. The event held a special significance, falling on the landmark 100th birthday of the world's most beloved naturalist, Sir David Attenborough.



### The Power of Silence

While most protests are defined by noise, Year 7 chose the power of quiet reflection. As they lined the edge of the school fields, the silence was a poignant reminder of the species and ecosystems that have no voice of their own.

"It felt more serious because we were quiet," noted one Year 7 student. "We wanted to show that we are listening to what the Earth is telling us."

### Honouring a Legend at 100

Choosing to hold the protest on Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday was a deliberate tribute to a century of conservation leadership. Sir David has spent his life documenting the beauty of the natural world and warning us of its fragility. By standing together, our students bridged the gap between his legendary legacy and their own roles as the next generation of "Earth's Guardians."

### Looking Ahead

The protest doesn't end on the field. The placards will now be displayed in the English department's classrooms to continue the conversation. We are incredibly proud of the empathy and civic duty shown by Year 7. They reminded us all that you are never too young to stand up for what matters - even if you do it silently.

Happy 100th Birthday, Sir David. The future is watching, and Year 7 is ready.



### From Homework to Heartfelt Activism

The initiative began as a creative English homework project. Students were tasked with researching the current climate crisis and distilling their concerns into visual messages. The result was a sea of hand-crafted placards, each one reflecting the unique voice and artistic flair of our youngest year group.

From detailed illustrations of melting ice caps to punchy slogans like "There is No Planet B", the quality of the work demonstrated a deep maturity and a genuine concern for the future of our planet.



## **Student Spotlight: Kirandeep Sangha Takes on the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition!**

We have some incredibly exciting news from our English department! Year 10 student Kirandeep Sangha has officially submitted an entry into the prestigious Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition, the world's oldest international writing contest for schools.

This year, writers were challenged to explore the themes of Shared Identity, Responsibility, and Common Ground – concepts that require deep empathy, maturity, and a global mindset. Kirandeep rose to the occasion beautifully, crafting a powerful piece entitled "The Line That Wasn't There."

### **The Inspiration Behind the Story**

Inspired by the competition's prompt, Kirandeep's writing delves into the invisible barriers that often divide us, and the profound realisation that what connects us as human beings is far stronger than any artificial border.

When asked about the inspiration behind her title, Kirandeep shared that she wanted to explore how easily society draws lines between "us" and "them," whether through culture, geography, or misunderstanding. "The Line That Wasn't There" is a poignant reminder that finding common ground starts with acknowledging our shared responsibility to one another.

### **A Proud Moment for Our School**

Writing for a global audience is no small feat. Kirandeep's dedication to perfecting her piece, spending hours researching, drafting, and refining her voice, is a testament to her hard work and passion for storytelling.

"Kirandeep has shown incredible initiative and maturity in tackling such complex themes," says the English Department. "To articulate thoughts on shared global identity with such nuance is fantastic for a Year 10 student. We are incredibly proud of her."

### **What's Next?**

Kirandeep's essay is now on its way to a panel of international judges. Thousands of students from across the 56 Commonwealth countries enter this competition every year, and we have no doubt that Kirandeep's unique voice will stand out.

Regardless of the final results later this year, entering such a renowned competition is a massive achievement in itself.

Please join us in congratulating Kirandeep on her fantastic submission and wishing her the absolute best of luck! We cannot wait to see where her writing talents take her next.

*Keep an eye on the newsletter next term for updates on the competition results!*



ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

It's been a different pace on the fields this half term. While the competitive calendar may have taken a brief hiatus with no formal fixtures scheduled, the energy across our sports facilities has been anything but quiet. It is fantastic to see our students making the most of this "training window," proving that progress happens just as much in the practice sessions as it does on match day.

## **Athletics: Gearing Up for Greatness**

The track has been a hive of activity as Athletics practice moves into high gear. We have seen a massive turnout of students across all year groups, each putting in the hard work to shave seconds off their sprints and add inches to their jumps. With events on the horizon, the dedication on display suggests we are in for another very successful season.

## **Rounders: Skill in Action**

Rounders Club continues to be a highlight of the week, boasting a brilliant turnout. It has been particularly impressive to watch students take the tactical concepts and technical skills taught during their PE lessons and apply them in competitive scenarios. The level of communication and teamwork out on the pitch is reaching new heights!



## **Tennis: Serving Up Success**

The courts have been packed with talent, and it is excellent to see consistent enthusiasm at the Tennis Club. Whether it's during the quick-fire lunch sessions or the more intensive Tuesday after-school club, students are clearly enjoying the game while steadily refining their technique. The growth in confidence and court coverage over the last few weeks has been a joy to watch.



## **Range High Goes the Distance for #kNOwtoKnifeCrime**

Range High School was out in full force recently as eight determined students completed a vital leg of the Southport Learning Trust Relay Marathon. This inspiring event, held in partnership with the #kNOwtoKnifeCrime campaign, aims to raise awareness and fund "Mini Medics" training—equipping young people with the lifesaving first aid skills needed to protect our community.

## **Passing the Baton (and the Bear!)**

The challenge began when our team took over the baton—a very special bear mascot—from Maghull High School. From there, our runners tackled an impressive 6.5-mile route all the way to Birkdale High School. Supported by the cheers of staff, parents, and the local community, the students demonstrated incredible stamina and spirit, carrying a powerful message of hope and safety across Southport.

## **Empowering the Next Generation**

The funds raised from this relay are being directly invested into Mini Medics first aid training. This initiative empowers students with the practical knowledge to act decisively in emergencies, ensuring our schools and neighbourhoods are safer for everyone.

*"Our Range High runners were fantastic ambassadors,"* said Mr Owens, who helped coordinate the event. "They showed real determination and enthusiasm, and we couldn't be prouder of the part they played in this meaningful cause."

## **A Team Effort**

For our students, the day was about much more than just a physical challenge. The team spoke of their immense pride in contributing to such a critical campaign, proving that through teamwork and resilience, young people can lead the way in driving positive change.

Congratulations to our runners and to the entire Southport Learning Trust for making this event a resounding success!



## **London Calling: A Weekend of Sport, Culture, and Celebration**

Six of our students enjoyed a truly unforgettable trip to the capital this April, joining Mr Critchley and Mrs Gallagher for a whirlwind of adventure in partnership with the Southport Learning Trust and the #kNOwtoKnifeCrime initiative. The centrepiece of the weekend was the students' participation in the London Mini Marathon, where they joined thousands of young runners from across the country to showcase their energy and team spirit on the world-famous course.

The excitement continued as the group headed to the iconic Mile 25 of the main London Marathon to soak up the electric atmosphere. They spent the afternoon cheering on the world's elite athletes and were particularly thrilled to roar for one of our own, Range High Sixth Former Mae Phillips, who proudly completed the marathon and provided the students with a local hero to celebrate.

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When they weren't trackside, the group made the most of everything London has to offer during a packed itinerary. The students enjoyed a bird's-eye view of the skyline from the London Eye, a competitive evening of bowling, and a tour of the city's most famous landmarks.

The weekend reached a spectacular finale in the West End with a thrilling performance of The Lion King.

Throughout the trip, our students were a credit to the school and were described by staff as impeccably behaved, navigating the busy capital with maturity, kindness, and infectious enthusiasm. Staff expressed their immense pride, noting that the students rose to the occasion brilliantly and embraced every moment of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

A huge congratulations to our six travellers for representing Range High so well, and a heartfelt thank you to the organisers who made this extraordinary April weekend possible.



## Range High Star Shines in Historic National Triumph

There was silverware and celebration at Stoke City's stadium recently as Range High's very own Harry Craig helped the Sefton SFA



Under-14s secure the prestigious ESFA Champions Cup! In a nail-biting national final against Southampton SFA, the Sefton side showed incredible resilience. The match remained a deadlock for much of the game, thanks in large part to a hero moment from the Sefton keeper, who kept hopes alive with a massive penalty save.

The breakthrough finally came with just five minutes left on the clock. Sefton found the back of the net, sparking scenes of absolute delight as they held on to be crowned National Champions.

The season isn't over yet! This talented squad is currently on the verge of making history. Having already secured two trophies, they head into another major final on May 23rd, with the league title also within reach. If they succeed, they will complete a historic treble—a feat never before achieved by a Sefton representative team.

We are incredibly proud of Harry and the entire team for "flying the flag" for Range High on the national stage. We wish them the very best of luck in their upcoming final as they chase the dream of three-in-a-row!



Presents a Youth Theatre production

# Daisy Pulls It Off

**By Denise  
Deegan**

directed by  
**Erin Grimes**



**16th-19th  
July 2026 at 7:30pm**

**Matinee on Sunday 19th at 2:00pm**

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# DESIGN TECH NEWS

## Y7 Tote Bag designs

The Year 7 students are on an exciting journey as they hone their skills in textiles, many of them stepping into the world of sewing machines and crafting tools for the very first time. They have taken inspiration from various sources to create their own unique designs, which they then translate into vibrant transfer-print techniques through the art of collage. Under the guidance of their dedicated teachers, they attentively follow instructions and practical demonstrations, learning to stitch together their own distinctive tote bags.



As they navigate through the challenges of this creative process, the pupils revel in the experience, tackling problem-solving tasks with enthusiasm and ingenuity. Their faces light up with pride as they see their projects come to life, demonstrating resilience and determination as they complete their bags. This hands-on experience not only fosters their creativity but also instils a sense of accomplishment that they carry with them beyond the classroom.

- Mrs De Belle, Curriculum area leader, food/textiles

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Director save a small amateur  
theatre from closing and  
themselves*

**Directed By  
Tracey Batchelor**

**THE  
EPSTEIN  
THEATRE**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (7:30pm)**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (2:30pm & 7:30pm)**

**Tickets: £22.00**

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# MATHS NEWS

## The UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge

The UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge took place at the start of this half term, and I am delighted to say that over 20 students from across 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 recognise 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, and especially to Arabella, who has qualified for the follow-on Junior Kangaroo round – well done and good luck!



## Bronze

### Year 7

Jesse Ball  
Jaimini Chater  
Matthew O'Malley  
Jarrod Prior-Crossan  
Jude Williams

### Year 8

Omar Ali  
Sophie Randall  
Albie Salters

## Silver

### Year 7

Samuel Madeley  
Rory Peterson  
Arthur Szabo

## Gold

### Year 8

Arabella Thacker

## **Creative Council and Sefton Open Update**

The Sefton Open is an annual exhibition held at the Atkinson in Southport, celebrating the creativity and artistic talent across the borough. It runs from 28 March – 30 May 2026, this year, and Range is taking centre stage, curating an art exhibition for the schools within the Learning Trust.



A selection of work from our own school has been chosen by our Creative Council and photographed alongside work from Formby High, Birkdale and Maghull to be included within the exhibition. There will be a fantastic display within the Art Box on the first floor, showcasing an array of different and imaginative artworks.

There have been some keen year 7 students turning up for Art Club at lunchtimes, and students from year 10 and 12 also. They have been collaborating on a large piece of art in response to the display of Art created by the Trust's schools, to run alongside this year's Sefton Open, and the finished painting will be taken along to the closing ceremony of the exhibition at the end of the month.

## **Garden Mural**

A couple of year 11 boys, Oliver Mackenzie and Oliver McCaig, have started a painting of the school badge in the Art Garden outside room 51. This is an attempt to brighten up the area with some colour and disguise any smaller areas of graffiti! We are also hoping to have a small patch of wall where students can practice their own street art style. The boys have finished their GCSE Art course and are happily still creating. They have worked hard, like many and are very proud of their efforts!



## **Art Star**

In the run-up to this year's Arts Star competition, students have begun working hard to produce a variety of fantastic artworks to go on display alongside the performances of music, dance and drama. Joshua Bond 7SRA has produced a fantastic painting of a toucan!



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# ARTS STAR



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6:30PM

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## PGL

Something new for this year, the Expressive Arts faculty is organising an overnight trip for key stage 3 students at Ingestre Hall Residential Arts Centre, a magnificent Jacobean mansion, set in 27 acres of private grounds in the Staffordshire countryside. It is home to the UK's only dedicated residential arts centre, delivering unique learning experiences through expressive and creative arts such as drama, visual art, music, dance and animation. We aim to take around 70 students in October and planning for this exciting new trip is now underway.

## Exams

Our GCSE and A-level Art & Photography students have worked very hard this term to finish their coursework, exam preparation and final pieces for marking. There are some great pieces of work that have been produced to a very high standard, and some successful places at prestigious universities for the year 13s have been secured!

Well done, keep up the hard work.

We are also looking forward to the new cohort coming in September.



## Art & Photography A Level Trip

Some of the key Stage 5 Art & Photography students are off to New York already, so alas, we have had to rethink plans for our next trip at the end of the year. We have listened to ideas, and the student vote of choice goes to Paris. Some year 12s have already been to London on last year's trip, so they fancied a change this festive period.

We have had many successful trips to Paris over the years and plan to take in some of the most iconic sights such as the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, Sacre Coeur and the Dior museum, to name but a few. Paris is one of the world's best cities for art and culture. Studying in the field provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn and absorb first-hand, from a direct source, invaluable experience for subject enhancement.



# SIXTH FORM NEWS

## University of Cambridge - History taster day

One of our Year 12 students, Matthew, recently participated in the Open World Ballroom Championships.



Participating in the Open Worlds ballroom championships was an exciting and challenging experience. With the best dancers from around the world competing, the atmosphere in the Blackpool Tower Ballroom was alive and incredible. This experience has inspired my dance partner and me to push harder, gain experience and develop our skills further."



## Mae Phillips - London Marathon

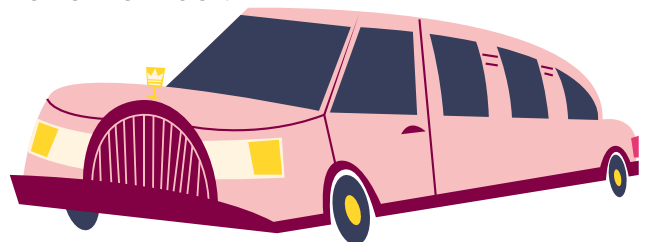
Over the past year, Mae has trained incredibly hard for the London Marathon. After losing both her dad and her friend, Ruby Jones, Mae, chose to run for Claire House—a children's hospice in Merseyside.



The charity holds immense significance for Mae and Ruby's family, having provided vital support during a difficult time and continuing to support Ruby's family today. On April 26th, Mae completed the gruelling 26.2-mile course, raising nearly £6,000 to date. The sixth-form family is immensely proud of her dedication, both to her rigorous training and her incredible achievement on race day. Well done, Mae!

## Prom Prom night

This year, we are taking the celebrations to one of Liverpool's finest hidden gems: The Racquet Club. Located in the heart of the city, this elegant, historic venue is the perfect backdrop to celebrate the end of an era in absolute style. Whether you're looking forward to the music, the food, or just seeing your classmates looking like movie stars, it's going to be a night to remember.



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## University of Cambridge - History taster day

Year 13 Criminology students recently had the opportunity to gain firsthand insight into the workings of the prison system during a visit from Ian, an experienced prison officer. Ian shared valuable knowledge about how prisons operate, detailing the processes involved in managing offenders, maintaining security, and handling challenging behaviours.



He provided an in-depth look at the daily routines within a prison, the responsibilities of prison officers, and the strategies used to address different types of behaviour.

The students also had the chance to ask Ian questions about his role, allowing them to deepen their understanding of the practical realities of working in the criminal justice system. It was a fascinating and informative session that gave them a real-world perspective on their criminology studies.

## Year 12 Media Shine at Creative Cities Convention Skills Summit!

On Thursday, 7th May, two of our talented students travelled to BOXPARK Liverpool for the Creative Cities Convention Skills Summit. This bustling event brought together schools and colleges from across the region for a fast-paced day of networking, industry masterclasses, and hands-on creative workshops.

Our students dove straight into the innovative world of Vertical Drama—short-form video content specifically created for mobile screens. They gained fascinating insights into how this widespread industry started, the conventions of shooting vertically, and how the business model operates today.

### **Behind the Scenes and On the Mic**

The day kicked off with inspiring guest speakers sharing their unique career journeys:

- **Talk 1:** Kit, a director from the BBC, shared her personal story of breaking into the industry.
- **Talk 2:** A panel of industry professionals answered questions about their favourite projects. A standout moment was a producer discussing her five-year passion project: a peaceful TV series about birdwatching.

Students also participated in a practical CV Workshop, where they practised icebreaker questions and interview techniques used by real industry employers.

# SIXTH FORM NEWS

## **From Page to Stage**

The highlight of the day was the hands-on scriptwriting workshop. After pitching a plotline for a short film and watching an official "Episode 1," our students were tasked with writing the follow-up episode. The ultimate reward? Professional actors performed the students' freshly written scripts right there on the spot!

## **Building Futures**

It was a busy, collaborative, and incredibly fun day. Beyond the workshops, our students took full advantage of the networking lunch, chatting with career advisors and senior industry figures. They even walked away with direct contact details for Lime Pictures and invaluable advice from the pros.

We are incredibly proud of how independently and professionally our students conducted themselves. They represented our school brilliantly and have undoubtedly kick-started some exciting creative futures!

- Mrs J Wilson

## **Year 13 Digital Leaders Champion Peer Revision Ahead of June Exams**

As our Year 13 Computer Science students prepare for their A-Level exams this June, our Digital Leaders have taken the reins, transforming the classroom into a hub of high-impact, peer-led pedagogy.

Recognising that teaching is the highest form of learning, these student leaders have been spearheading lesson starter tasks - dismantling complex, high-tariff exam topics to build collective academic resilience.

## **Masterclassing Binary Search Trees & OOP**

The initiative has targeted two of the A-Level curriculum's most challenging areas:

- Binary Search Trees (BST): Digital Leaders have been modelling excellent exam techniques on the whiteboard, demonstrating how to construct and traverse data structures to secure maximum marks.
- Object-Oriented Programming (OOP): Through student-led presentations, leaders broke daunting long-form questions into manageable "micro-challenge" tasks, scaffolding the logic for their peers.

Crucially, the leaders did not just provide correct answers. They explicitly guided classmates through common misconceptions, analysing mistakes to diagnose exactly where marks are often lost.

"Watching students actively debate logic and correct each other's misconceptions is one of the best ways for them to learn. They are developing deep, flexible, engineering mindsets." - Mrs Howes

By tackling these topics as a team, our Year 13s are entering their June exams with exceptional subject knowledge, confidence and leadership skills.

We wish them the very best of luck!

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

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