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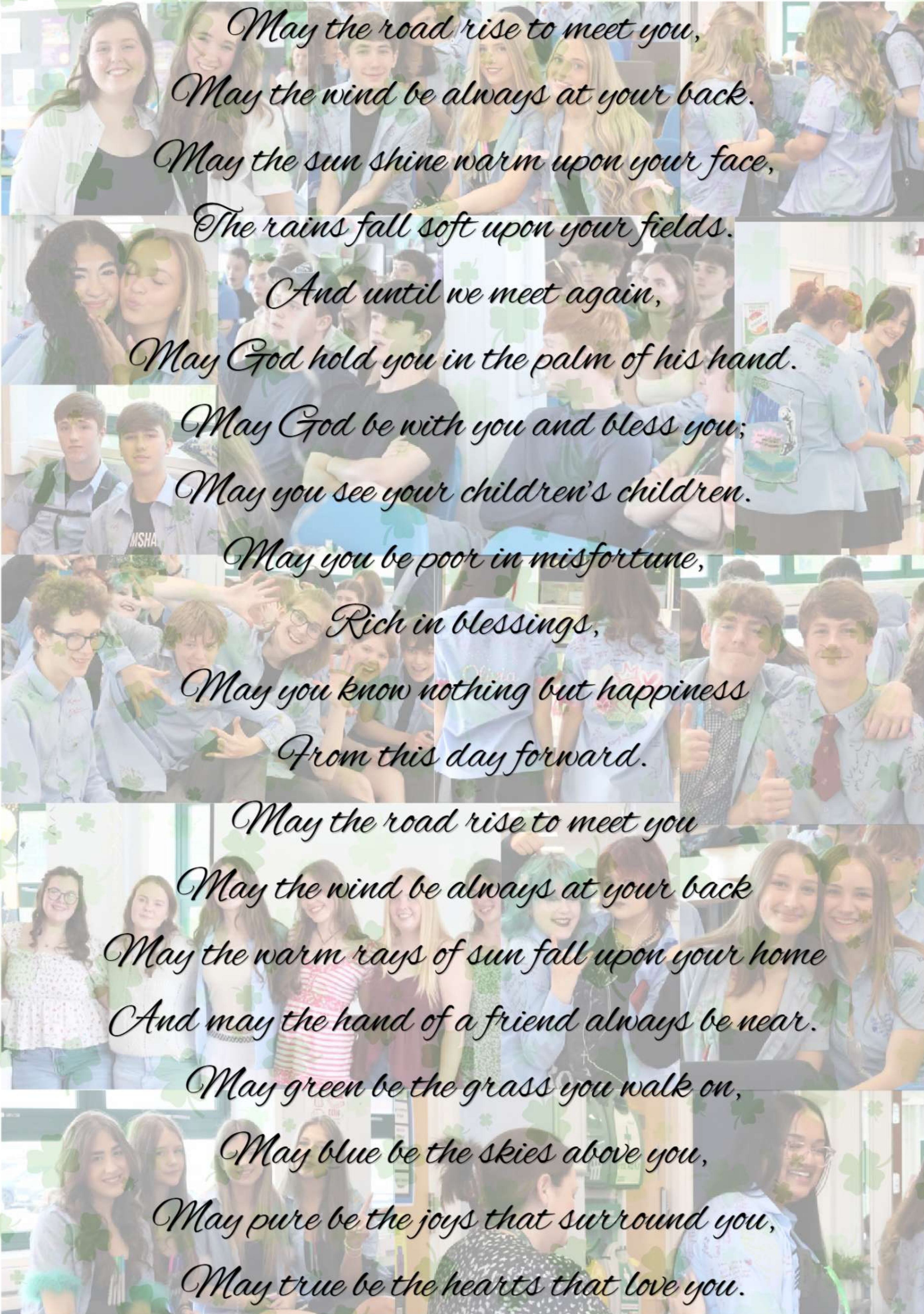
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GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK CLASS OF 2026



*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.*

*And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
May God be with you and bless you;
May you see your children's children.*

May you be poor in misfortune,

*Rich in blessings,
May you know nothing but happiness
From this day forward.*

*May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home
And may the hand of a friend always be near.*

May green be the grass you walk on,

*May blue be the skies above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.*

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear All,

It is hard to believe that we are once again at the end of another academic year. Perhaps it is my age, but time seems to go faster the older one gets! I was so proud to see our Year 11 cohort in all of their finery at their recent prom at Aintree. They were in Year 5 when I first came to the school, and they have now completed their GCSE exams and are rapidly becoming fine, young adults ready to make their way in the world. Similarly, chatting with the Year 13 students at their prom, it reminded me that we, as teachers and support staff, are in a privileged position to be working with such articulate, determined and caring young people. I wish all of them every success as they approach the next exciting chapter in their lives, and of course we all have everything crossed that they have all done themselves justice in the examinations. Results Days are: A-Level: 13th August and GCSE: 20th August. Mrs Phillips/Mr Tees will be in touch with further details of the actual days.

As it is the end of the year, it is, as usual, time to wish some colleagues well as they leave us for new pursuits. Mrs Alexander, Mr Dolly, Mrs Dillon, Mrs Holloway and Mrs Latty are all taking their well-earned retirement. Between all of them, they have notched up a huge number of years of dedicated service to the school, and I know you will join me in wishing all of them a long, happy and healthy retirement. Ms Davies, Ms Richards, Ms De Belle, Mrs Longdon, Mr Rannard, Mrs Williams and Miss Wright are all leaving us to pursue other things, some in teaching, some not. Again, a huge thanks to each of them for everything they have done for the school over the years- good luck and every good wish to all of them.

I hope you enjoy reading through this edition of the newsletter. It is once again packed full of interesting articles and stories highlighting many of the extra-curricular pursuits of our students and staff. Well done to all of them for 'rolling up their sleeves' and getting involved in such an array of activities. Well done to all of them who achieved awards at our recent end-of-year assemblies. I was saddened to hear of so many tragic incidents involving water and young people during the May HT, including one young person who lost her life at Formby Beach. Inside our edition, we provide some excellent advice from Merseyside Fire and Safety in relation to safety around water. Please do share it with your children and remind them to follow all the advice to keep themselves safe when anywhere near open water in the nice weather.

Finally, as you may be aware, I am also leaving Range High this summer. Although excited at the prospect of having a lot more free time in retirement, I can't help also feeling sad at leaving behind a career that I have loved. Working with young people for the last 34 years has been immensely rewarding, challenging at times, but amazing for the most part. Being the Headteacher at Range has been a rollercoaster but the privilege of my life. I am extremely grateful to all of my fantastic colleagues, to you as parents/carers for your unwavering support, but most of all to the wonderful young people at the school. They are funny, caring, warm and inspirational students who never cease to make me smile. I will miss all of you dearly. I hope the school is in a better place than when I started in 2019, and I wish all of you every success and happiness in the future.

I leave you in the very capable hands of your new Headteacher, Mrs Ryan, who will be in touch over the summer regarding the start of the new academic year.

With very best wishes,

Mike McGarry,
Headteacher



KS3 HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGES

Year 7

Wow. Just like that, your first year at Range High School is officially in the history books! It feels like just yesterday you walked through the gates in September—your blazers slightly too big, your bags packed with pristine stationery, and perhaps a few butterflies in your stomachs. Looking back at the past ten months, we could not be prouder of the journey you have taken.

Let's be honest, this year hasn't always been smooth sailing. Moving from primary school to secondary life is a massive leap. There have been ups and downs, lost timetables, forgotten PE kits, and moments where the transition felt a little overwhelming. Some of us hit a few bumps in the road along the way. But do you know what the most impressive part has been?

Reflect on resilience and the valuable lessons learned from mistakes as you transition into the summer season. Embrace the opportunity to adapt to new routines, navigate school life, and apply the insights gained from any missteps this year. Year 8 presents a fresh start where you can harness your experiences to make more informed choices.

Enjoy your well-deserved break by spending quality time with family, basking in the sunshine, and recharging your energy. When you return, you'll step into the role of role models for the Year 7s, guiding them with your newfound wisdom. Thank you for making this year so memorable, and have a fantastic summer!

- Miss Singleton & Mr. Critchley



Year 8

We have finally come to the end of Year 8. Our students have contributed to school life on many occasions over the last two years and enjoyed many successes. Our final trip took place, and all students enjoyed both days at Jump INC and Gravity Max.

Congratulations to all the students who won certificates at our end-of-year rewards Assembly. The awards were given for attainment and effort in all subjects. Again, there was our usual tutor and attendance award.



Well done to all students who were 95% and above for attendance, and an amazing well done to students who were 100% for the school year.

May I also take this opportunity to say thank you to our Year 8 Students and parents for your support and dedication over the last 2 years. Mrs Gallagher and I now pass them on to the trusted hands of Mrs Plumbley and Mr Duddridge, who will guide them to their GCSE's. I wish them every success for the future, and our door is always open if they want to pop in for a chat.

-Mr S Rudd & Mrs L Gallagher

Year 9

As we come to the end of Year 9, it's hard to believe how quickly the year has gone. It has been a year full of challenges, achievements, laughter, tears and memories that we will carry with us into Year 10. Mr Wilson and I have been gradually trying to get to know you all over the year. This is a fantastic year group full of characters, definitely some cheekier than others! Over time we've learned how to work together, support one another, overcome obstacles and grow as individuals. We've celebrated successes, learnt from mistakes and become more confident young adults as a result.



I would like to thank our families for their support for you and our school over the past year.

Their support, encouragement and belief in you and us make a huge difference. As we move into Year 10, we will face new challenges and greater responsibilities. It certainly won't be easy, but I am confident that we are all ready to take on the challenge.

But for now, we have made it through Year 9, so enjoy your summer. Sleep in, relax, spend time with your friends and family and forget about school until maybe the last week of the holidays.

Enjoy, stay safe and see you all in September refreshed and ready to start again.



-Ms N Wilson & Mr J Wilson

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KS4/5 HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGES

Year 10

First and foremost, a massive congratulations to all of our Year 10 students for completing their mock exams! We are incredibly proud of the immense effort, thorough preparation, and impeccable conduct displayed in the exam hall. Navigating high-stakes testing is never easy, but doing so during this recent wave of very warm weather showed real resilience and maturity.

Thank you for all your hard work. We are confident that your dedication will be justly rewarded when the results are fed back to you and your families.

As Year 10 concludes, we have exciting opportunities ahead:

- Final Sports Day: Your last chance to compete together; let's show our energy and school spirit!
- Matthew's Mile: A team effort to walk, jog, or run for a worthy cause; let's achieve great things together.

Looking ahead to Year 11, enjoy a restful summer break to recharge. Year 11 will be fast-paced, so let's start strong in September to maximise your potential and success. Enjoy your well-deserved summer!

- Mr C Jump & Mrs McCarthy

Year 11

Well, what can we say, Year 11? The past three years have been an absolute blur. It feels like only yesterday you were just starting out, and now, looking back, we are filled with such pride at the young adults you have become.

It was a joy to celebrate your journey together at your leavers' assembly, but seeing you all looking so smart and glamorous at prom was truly the perfect way to cap off your time with us.

It was a wonderful evening, and it gave us all such a lovely opportunity to celebrate everything you have accomplished during your years here at Range. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience, and spirit you have shown as a year group.

While this marks the end of one chapter, we truly hope it isn't a final goodbye. We would love to see you all back in September to continue your journey with us as part of our Year 12 at Range Sixth Form. However, regardless of where your path leads—whether you are heading to college, an apprenticeship, or off on a new adventure—please know that you will always be a part of the Range family.

Please do feel free to pop in and see us whenever you can; we would love to hear how you are getting on. Above all, please do keep in touch; we will be cheering you on from the sidelines.

Best of luck with all your future endeavours. You have bright futures ahead of you!

- Mrs J Plumbley & Mr K Dudridge



Sixth Form

As the summer term draws to a close, we say a final, fond farewell to our wonderful Year 13 students.

We thank you for your immense contribution to the school community and wish you the absolute best of luck with your upcoming exam results and your next steps into the future.

Meanwhile, our Year 12s are officially stepping up to become the leaders of the school as they transition into Year 13. We know they are ready to embrace the challenge and lead by example.

Looking ahead, the entire Sixth Form is excited and ready to welcome our brand-new Year 12 cohort when the new academic year begins in September. Have a fantastic, restful summer break, everyone!

-Mr J McKay & Miss H Ball



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Karis Fung in Year 8: Achievements

Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition

On April 18th, Karis Fung participated in a prestigious gymnastics competition held in London. She delivered an outstanding performance by securing both 1st and 2nd places in her events, showcasing her exceptional skills.



Additionally, she was honoured with the prestigious title of Miss Flexible, which recognised her incredible agility and grace. Her achievements are a testament to her dedication and relentless hard work, and we are incredibly proud of her efforts and unwavering commitment to the sport.

North West Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships

Recently, on June 13th and 14th, Karis took part in the North West Championships held in Wigan. She showcased her remarkable talent and achieved impressive results in the competition:

- 🥇 Hoop Champion
- 🥇 Club Champion
- 🏆 Overall All-Round Champion

Once again, we are very proud of her hard work, dedication, and the incredible results she has achieved, and her achievements highlight her as a role model for aspiring gymnasts.



Range High Year 10 pupil Patrick Fleming achieved an incredible gold medal at the Portimao Box Cup 2026 tournament.



This annual prestigious international boxing event takes place in Portugal. Over three days of intense competition, Patrick fought in an older age group.

He secured a unanimous victory in the quarter-finals against a formidable opponent from the Netherlands. In the semi-finals, Patrick encountered a familiar rival from England, defeating him in the third round.



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In his final match, Patrick faced a highly skilled and talented opponent from France, who was known for his impressive boxing technique and experience in the ring. Despite the formidable challenge, Patrick boxed exceptionally well, showcasing his agility, strength, and strategic thinking. He delivered three decisive counts to his older rival, demonstrating not only his physical prowess but also his mental resilience and tactical acumen. Ultimately, Patrick secured a unanimous victory, earning the prestigious Gold medal. What an incredible accomplishment, Patrick! Congratulations to you and your dedicated team from Bootle Maple Leaf ABC for this remarkable achievement.



We are all immensely proud of him and eagerly anticipate the many more successes and milestones he will undoubtedly achieve in the future. Keep striving forward, Patrick, and continue to inspire those around you with your unwavering passion and resolve. Your journey is an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to supporting you every step of the way.

- Mrs Plumbley

Dan Grimes' U13 Football Success

During this month, the prestigious Sefton Schoolboys Awards ceremony took place, a much-anticipated event where young athletes are recognised for their exceptional talents and contributions to the sport.



During this event, Daniel was honoured with the U13 Parents' Player of the Year award, a testament to his hard work and outstanding performance on the field throughout the year. Looking ahead, Daniel is eagerly anticipating the opportunity to represent Sefton in the U14 age group next season.

Daniel recently enjoyed remarkable success on an international stage at the Flint International Cup in Norway. Representing the Liverpool U14s, he played a pivotal role in his team's journey through the tournament. During the semi-final, he took on the immense pressure of a penalty shootout. Demonstrating composure and skill, Daniel scored the decisive penalty that secured his team's advancement to the final.

Congratulations, Daniel, on these impressive achievements! We look forward to witnessing even more of your successes in the future.

- Mr. Rudd / Mrs. Gallagher / Mr. Robinson

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Lola McCluskie and Year 9 Pupils Celebrate Outstanding Football Success

It has been a fantastic year for Year 9 superstar in the making, Lola McCluskie, who has enjoyed an incredible season across several teams, earning an impressive collection of trophies and achievements.



Representing Sefton, alongside fellow Year 9 student Olivia Wright, Lola helped her team secure both the League title and the League Cup, as well as reaching the National Cup Final—a remarkable achievement that reflects the team's hard work, determination and talent.



Lola also enjoyed success with Merseyside, where she was part of the squad that won the Northern Counties League and the National Futsal Cup, adding two more prestigious honours to an already outstanding season.

Closer to home, Lola's achievements continued with Redgate, where she played alongside fellow pupils Elliot Dixon, Alistair Bosanquet and Harry Craig. Together, they won the Liverpool County Premier League Cup, and Lola was also recognised for her excellent performances by receiving the Parent Player Award.



These achievements are a testament to Lola's dedication, commitment and passion for football, as well as the support of her teammates and coaches. We are incredibly proud of Lola and all of our Year 9 pupils who have represented their teams with such skill, teamwork and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Lola, Liv, Elliot, Alistair and Harry on a truly memorable season. We look forward to seeing what they achieve next!

- Mr Hughes

LITERACY CORNER: SUMMER READING SPECIAL



As the summer break approaches, the school library has been buzzing with excitement for our annual Summer Book Swap.

Students from all year groups delved into a fantastic range of literature, eagerly selecting their perfect companions for the holidays. From gripping mysteries to sweeping adventures, it was brilliant to see our community sharing recommendations and ensuring everyone goes into the break with an incredible story in hand.

Eagle eyed students will notice that our staff are also spending their summer holidays escaping not just the British weather but also their own reality with their own summer reads. How many have you spotted around school?



Top Picks for Your Summer Reading List
Among the most popular choices at the swap were our featured summer reads. Parents and students can check out these highly recommended titles to keep pages turning over the holidays:

- The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson – A must-read for those looking for an unforgettable journey through folklore, heart, and magic.
- The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd – Perfect for readers who love a fast-paced, suspenseful plot that will keep them guessing until the very last page.
- When Life Gives You Mangoes by Kereen Getten – An exceptional,

Year 7 Out-Calculates the Science Department!

Alongside the Book Swap, students and staff faced off in our fiercely contested literacy challenge: Guess the Weight of the Complete Works of Shakespeare. You might think our Science department would have the upper hand when it comes to mass, scale, and precise estimation. However, our teachers were thoroughly out-calculated by the lower school.



A massive congratulations to our Year 7 winner, Sam Madeley 7PK, who accurately guessed the weight of the Bard's hefty tome (1.95kg)—beating the estimates of both Mr. Kenyon and Mr. Heath! It turns out a sharp eye for literature gives you the ultimate edge, even over our resident scientists.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made the event such a success. Happy summer reading to all!

Turning Pages, Breaking Records: Celebrating Our Students' Incredible Reading Achievements!

As this school year ends, we're thrilled to spotlight our exceptional Year 7 and Year 8 students. They haven't just read books—they've smashed personal targets, conquered challenges, and achieved staggering growth in their reading ages.

Behind each achievement are hours of dedication, resilience, and an unwavering refusal to give up. Join us in celebrating our literacy superstars!

Year 7: Determination and Growth

Our Year 7 students set a phenomenal standard, proving hard work and a positive attitude unlock success.

- **Platinum Award:** Sky Upton Sky increased her reading age by an astounding 6 years! This breathtaking accomplishment will boost her learning across all subjects. Incredible work, Sky!
- **Gold Award:** Orla Heywood Orla showed fantastic resilience, facing challenges head-on and increasing her reading age by 2 years and 6 months. Her determination is inspiring.
- **Star Performer:** Jenson Grey. Jenson navigated difficult challenges without giving up, working hard and reaping well-deserved rewards.
- **Resilience Champion:** Marko Fal. Learning in a second language is tough, but Marko met the challenge of English as an Additional Language with amazing grit, making steady progress.

Year 8: Smashing Targets and Setting New Heights

Our Year 8 award winners have shown what can be achieved with long-term focus, proving that consistency over time leads to spectacular results.

- **Platinum Award:** Mabel O'Connell. Mabel's accomplishment exemplifies persistent effort. Over two years, she has impressively accelerated her reading age by 5 years and 6 months, placing herself above target. What an incredible milestone!
- **Gold Award:** Beau Cowpland. Beau has made a significant leap this year. Through dedication, he has raised his reading age to an impressive 16 years and 6 months! This advanced literacy sets him up perfectly for future academic success.
- **Silver Award:** Sadie Hodgson. Sadie has been a powerhouse this year. She faced her personal reading challenges with determination, achieving a remarkable increase of 4 years and 11 months in her reading age.
- **Bronze Award:** Billy Leadbetter. Billy exemplifies perseverance. Despite obstacles, he approached his reading challenges with a positive attitude and never gave up. His consistency is an inspiring example for everyone.

A Huge Congratulations to All Our Winners! Such growth isn't luck; it results from showing up, picking up a book, and persevering through challenges. This year, you've all opened new worlds for yourselves. Keep reading!



Unleashing Creativity: 82 Year 8 Writers Step Into the "Wild Wonders"

The English Department is buzzing with excitement as 82 of our Year 8 students have entered the prestigious Young Writers' National Competition! This year's theme, "Wild Wonders - Echoes of Nature," challenged our young authors to connect with the natural world, capturing everything from the fierce power of the wilderness to the quiet, hidden corners of the earth.

They have crafted vivid, bite-sized sagas that show real maturity and passion for creative writing.

What Happens Next?

The English Department eagerly awaits the results. The goal? Seeing our students' hard work printed in black and white.

- The Big Reveal: National judges are reviewing the entries to select the best pieces.
- Going to Print: Successful students will have their work published in a national anthology next year, making them published authors before they finish Key Stage 3!

"We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and dedication Year 8 has shown for this competition," said Mrs. Skinner, the Head of English. "Having 82 students put themselves forward is fantastic.

We can't wait to see who our future winners will be and hold that published book in our hands next year!"

A massive well done to every student who submitted their work. You've represented the school brilliantly. Watch this space for more news as the results roll in!

Transforming Our Library: Help Us Build the Ultimate Reading Sanctuary!

Our school library is getting a much-needed makeover. The goal is to transform it from a traditional bookshelf room into a vibrant, comfortable hub where students want to hang out, study, and immerse themselves in a book.

How You Can Help: We Need Your Donations!

To create a cosy reading sanctuary, we kindly ask for donations of items that are new or in excellent condition. If you're clearing out your home or wish to support a school project, please consider donating any of the following:

- Comfy Seating & Bean Bags
- Coffee Tables
- New or Like-New Books

If you have items to donate, please email Ms. McGowan at jc4@range.sefton.sch.uk or contact the school office.

Student Voices Matter: The New Suggestion Box

This revamp is for the students and designed by them! We have a Suggestion Box at the library entrance. We want to hear from our student community:

- What books should we add to the shelves?
- What events or clubs should we host?
- How can we make this space better for you?

Please encourage your children to share their ideas. Every voice matters, and we can't wait to read their brilliant suggestions.

School's out for summer!

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



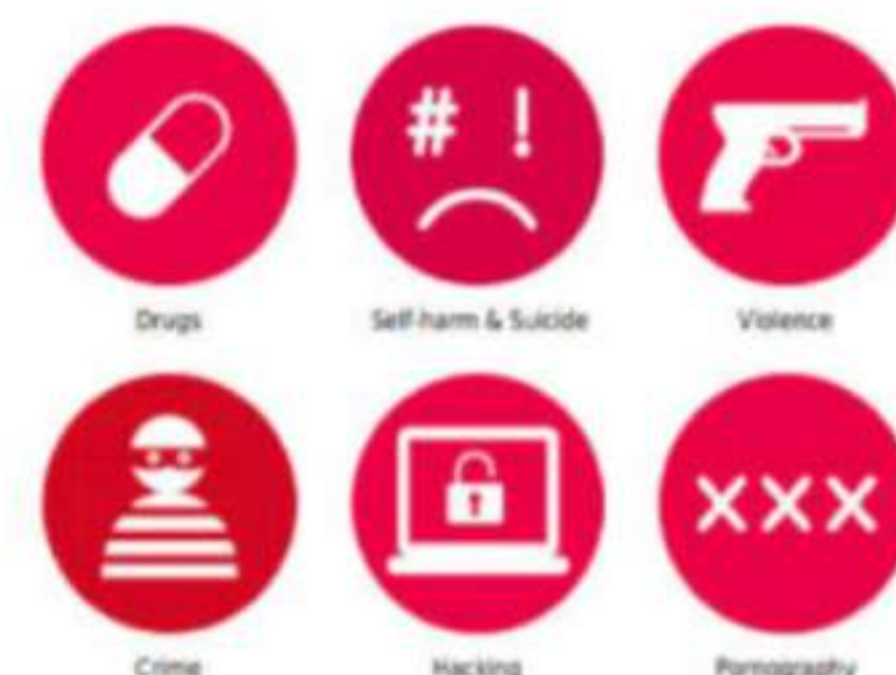
A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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When Something Goes Wrong Online — A Simple Action Plan for Parents

1. Stay Calm First

If your child tells you something worrying:

- Thank them for telling you
- Avoid blaming or panicking
- Reassure them: "We'll deal with this together."

2. Keep the Evidence

- Take screenshots (include usernames and dates)
- Save messages
- Keep profile links

3. Use Official Reporting Routes

Grooming or exploitation – CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

Illegal images – Internet Watch Foundation: www.iwf.org.uk/report

Nude images shared (under 18s) – Report Remove: www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove

If in immediate danger, call 999.

4. If You Feel Overwhelmed - Use Structured Support

You can use free ChatGPT to help structure next steps.



Free access: <https://chat.openai.com> Example prompts:

- My child received inappropriate messages. What steps should I take in the UK?
- How do I report online grooming?
- What should I say to my child after cyberbullying?

Important: ChatGPT is a support tool and does NOT replace official reporting or police action.

5. Ongoing Protection at Home

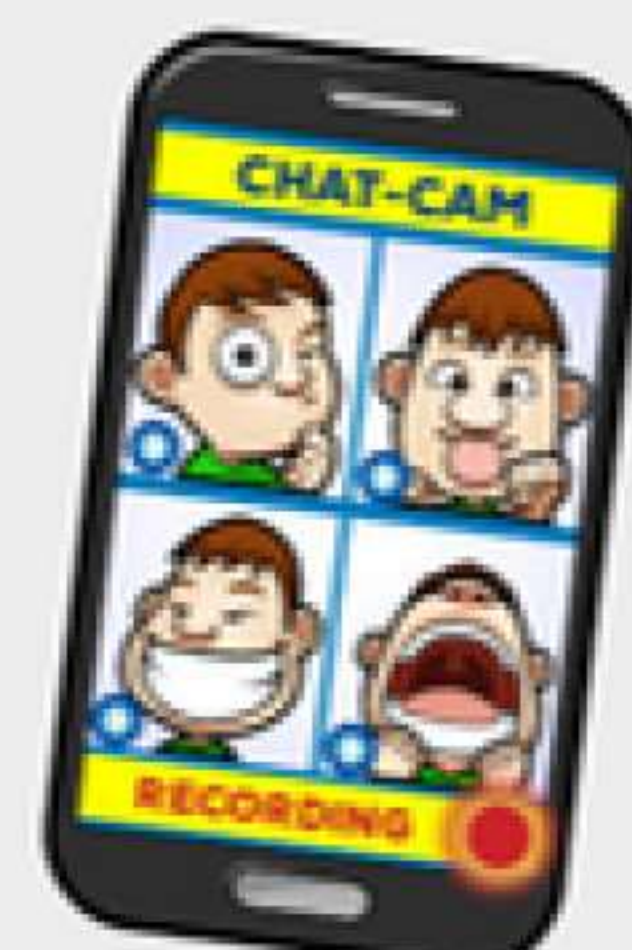
- Keep regular, calm conversations
- Review privacy settings together
- Monitor gaming contacts
- Encourage early disclosure

Children will make mistakes online, just as they do offline.

Trust and communication protect them more than punishment.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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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.

SafeguardED

Most parents & carers think their children and young people spend too much time on devices. **DON'T FEEL BAD!** Lots of it is perfectly healthy anyway. Instead, follow these tips to keep them safe, happy and healthy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality

Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or video calling Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.



Check the safety settings are turned on



Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? What about safe search and Youtube? See parentsafe.lg.net for more.

Get your children to show you their apps and games



You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced - they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** reviews.



Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news

If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch **Newsround** together and talk about how they feel - there is guidance from **Childline** to help you.



Remind them of key online safety principles

There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all... if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, **THAT'S A LIE!**

If you aren't sure, ASK!

Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lg.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).



Spectacular Performance at the Wally Cain Dance Festival!



Sefton Schools' Dance Association held its first Dance Festival in 1989 with ten schools participating over two nights. This annual Contemporary

Dance Festival was renamed in 1992 after Wally Cain, a Senior Advisor responsible for P.E. Wally died suddenly in March 1992, having retired in August 1991. He had been an Adviser in Sefton for twenty years.

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



This term, the prestigious Wally Cain dance event embraced the captivating theme of 'World Landscapes and World Landmarks.' Representing our school with immense talent and dedication, a wonderful group of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils took to the stage at the historic Atkinson Theatre to deliver an unforgettable performance.



Bringing History to Life

Our dancers performed a breathtaking piece of original choreography inspired by the famous Erechtheion Caryatids statues—historically known as the Daughters of Athens. The students beautifully captured the strength, grace, and elegance of these ancient Greek landmarks, mesmerising the audience from start to finish with their fluid movements and expressive storytelling.



DANCE NEWS

A True Credit to the School

The dedication required to piece together a performance of this calibre is immense, and our students handled the pressure like seasoned professionals.



A Note from the Team: "The pupils were absolutely excellent on stage and were a true credit to both the school and the Dance Department. Their behaviour, teamwork, and passion shone through in every single step."



A huge congratulations to all of our incredible dancers involved. You performed beautifully and made the entire school community incredibly proud!



Southport Learning Trust Golf Competition: Range High Wins Big!

The annual Southport Learning Trust Golf Competition took place at Southport Old Links in some seriously hot and testing conditions. A total of 34 players from across the trust competed, but Range High absolutely dominated the leaderboard.

Here is how our students smashed it:

- 1st-Place Team Champions: Massive congratulations to Harley Brown and Dylan Jones! They took home first place in the team competition with an incredible 28 points, edging out Greenbank by just a single point.
- High-Handicap Runner-Up: Ben Calder put on a brilliant performance, securing a strong 2nd place finish in the individual high-handicap category.
- Longest Drive Champion: Max Touhey showed off some serious power, winning the individual Longest Drive competition.

Every single golfer represented Range High with pride, brought home the main trophy, and proved we have some of the best golfing talent in the trust.



Pinewoods Golf Classic

The stakes were high at this year's annual Pinewoods Golf Competition, where 24 of the finest golfers gathered to battle it out at the prestigious Formby Golf Club. The competition was fierce from the very first tee, with the immaculate course setting the stage for a day of exceptionally high-calibre performances.

On a thrilling day, Max Touhey emerged victorious, delivering a spectacular performance to claim the coveted title. Max managed to edge out reigning champion Ben Calder, who put up a brilliant defence of his crown, while Dylan Carr secured a fantastic third-place finish after a stellar day on the greens. Congratulations to Max on a well-deserved victory, and a huge thank you to all 24 competitors for making this year's tournament one of the most exciting in Range High history!



Formby Lawn Tennis

It has been a fantastic term for sport at Range, with pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 heading down to the prestigious Formby Lawn Tennis Club for a friendly, mixed-gender fixture.



With Wimbledon fever well and truly in the air, our pupils absolutely relished the opportunity to showcase their skills on such high-quality courts. The standard of tennis on display was superb, leaving us all wondering if we might have a future Grand Slam star hidden amongst our ranks! More importantly, the behaviour of all involved was absolutely impeccable, making it a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for both staff and players. A huge well done to everyone who took part in representing the school so brilliantly!



North Sefton Athletics

Huge congratulations to all of our incredible male athletes who competed at the North Sefton Athletics Championships! It was a fantastic day of track and field action, with our students showing immense determination, talent, and team spirit.

As the year groups stepped up, so did our results, showing real progress and strength across the board.

Here is how our year groups ranked against the local competition:

- **Year 7:** 5th Place
- **Year 8:** 4th Place
- **Year 9:** 3rd Place 🥉
- **Year 10:** 2nd Place 🥈

The Final Standings

Thanks to strong performances in every single event, Range High racked up a massive 234 points to secure a brilliant 3rd Place Overall finish in North Sefton!

A massive shoutout to our Year 10s for pushing into that top-two spot, and well done to every single student who wore the Range High kit with pride. You've done the school incredibly proud!



North Sefton Athletics

Huge congratulations to all of our amazing female athletes who competed at the North Sefton Athletics Championships! It was a fantastic day of track and field action, with our students showing immense determination, talent, and team spirit.

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Here is how our year groups ranked against the local competition:

- **Year 7:** 3rd Place 🥉
- **Year 8:** 4th Place
- **Year 9:** 2nd Place 🥈
- **Year 10:** 5th Place

Winners:

- **1500m:** Lola McCluskie
- **800m:** Jess Burns
- **Hurdles:** Anna Halliwell
- **Javelin:** Felicia Chan
- **800m:** Phoebe Rose Devlin

Dodgeball Tournament

Our Year 7 and Year 8 boys' teams brought ultimate energy and enthusiasm to Stanley High recently for an action-packed North Sefton schools' dodgeball tournament.



The competition was fiercely contested from the very first whistle, but our boys rose to the challenge. The afternoon was a thrilling spectacle of athleticism, featuring spectacular dives to avoid being hit and some incredibly ferocious throwing! Our Year 8s were crowned champions and both teams combined were joint first overall.

It was a hugely rewarding event, and both teams were an absolute credit to the school, showing fantastic teamwork and determination throughout.

Well done boys, what a brilliant effort!



What a Spectacular Sports Day!

What an absolutely incredible Sports Day we had this year! From the very first race to the final tension-filled relay, the energy on the field was nothing short of electric. Events like this remind us of the fantastic community we have, and everyone involved deserves a massive round of applause.

To everyone who laced up their trainers and gave it their all—you were amazing! We saw incredible displays of athleticism, but more importantly, we saw unmatched sportsmanship. Whether you were sprinting across the finish line or cheering on a teammate who was trailing behind, your grit and positive attitude stole the show.

A huge thank you to the spectators. Your cheers and roars of encouragement gave our athletes that extra burst of energy right when they needed it most. You brought the atmosphere, the enthusiasm, and the noise!



An event of this scale doesn't just happen. A massive thank you goes out to our incredible staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. From measuring jumps and timing races to managing the crowds and keeping everyone hydrated, your organisation and enthusiasm kept the whole day running like clockwork.

The Final Standings

The competition was fierce this year, with the leaderboard shifting after almost every event. Every single point mattered, but after tallying up the final results, here is how the teams finished:

Team	Total Points
Blundell	275
Derby	247.5
Sefton	214.5
Weld	207

A massive congratulations to Blundell for taking home the crown this year.



Rounders

A huge congratulations to our Year 7, 8, and 9 girls who recently represented the school at the Southport and Formby Rounders Tournament, hosted at Stanley High School.

All three year groups put on an incredible display of teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship against some very tough local competition.

- Year 7: Finished 4th.
- Year 8: Finished 4th
- Year 9: Finished 2nd

We are incredibly proud of all the girls who took part. It was a lovely afternoon out of school.

St Luke’s Sports Day

We were absolutely delighted to welcome the pupils, staff, and families of St Luke’s to Range for two spectacular Sports Day events, filled with incredible energy and teamwork. While the visiting athletes shone on the track, the day’s success was truly powered by our phenomenal Year 10 Sports Leaders, who stepped up to officiate, organise events, and cheer on the younger competitors with outstanding maturity and enthusiasm. The staff from St Luke’s were full of praise for our students, who proved to be fantastic ambassadors for Range and ensured the entire event ran like clockwork. A huge thank you and well done to everyone involved!





OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK



Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**

THE WATER IS COLD...

...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.

This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.



DID YOU KNOW?

Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

WHAT LIES BENEATH?



The water is untreated and can make you ill.

Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.

Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause **injury** or **trap** you.



Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.



Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**



IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.



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BEACH SAFETY: KNOW THE DANGERS

MUD AND QUICKSAND

Large areas of the coast can have mud and quicksand which can cause you to get trapped and risk drowning.

REDUCE THE RISK

Check tide times

Follow warning sign advice

Avoid crossing estuaries and mud where there can be hidden channels or fast water

If trapped, **sit back and spread your weight evenly across the surface**

Stop others from trying to help you as they may get stuck

Call **999** immediately and ask for the **Coastguard**



Strong currents can sweep inflatables and people out to sea

FOLLOW THE FLAGS



There are lifeguards in the area. Swim between the two flags.



Do not enter the water. There could be unseen dangers such as currents.



No swimming in this area. There may be non-powered watercraft such as surfboards, kayaks, etc. in this area.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE STRUGGLING:



PHONE 999

Tell them to **FLOAT** on their back

THROW them something to help them float

TOP TIP
ALWAYS GO TO A BEACH WITH A LIFEGUARD



Ruby's recipe

Focaccia Competition in memory of Ruby Jones (Ruby's recipe)

We held a competition for a decorated Focaccia bread that Year 9 pupils were invited to take part in. They were encouraged to use a variety of toppings to decorate their focaccia base, including fresh herbs and vegetables arranged creatively.



Pupils attended at lunchtime to create their dough mix, allowing it to prove over the afternoon to achieve a great texture and allow the dough to rise.



At the end of the school day, pupils then shaped the dough, prepared their chosen toppings and arranged them before baking the focaccia.



Congratulations to all who took part, particularly to Inuki, our winner, who flavoured and shaped her dough before decorating; a very impressive set of entries

- Mrs de Belle and Miss Usher



BUSINESS STUDIES NEWS

Trading Day 2026

On Wednesday, July 8th, we hosted our annual Trading Day, where Year 10 Business Studies and BTEC Enterprise students had the opportunity to create and manage their own 'mini businesses'. From early morning, the Arts Theatre buzzed with excitement as teams of students set up their stalls, offering a delightful array of sweet and savoury snacks.



Students showcased their creativity by adding value to basic resources, developing products like fresh candied fruit, sweets, lemonade, slushies, dot cakes, s'mores, and a build-your-own waffle bar.



They also featured beautifully decorated cookies and charmingly packaged sweets, alongside pistachio-flavoured chocolate bites and fondues inspired by the Dubai chocolate trend. The introduction of a 'sugar tax' may have influenced some students to create savoury snacks, such as loaded chips and fries.

Our students dedicated a tremendous amount of effort to research, develop, cost, and market their products, making the event a resounding success. As they reflected on their experiences at the end of the day, many concluded that maintaining the right stock levels was the best advice for next year's traders, as several groups ran out of supplies before trading concluded.



A huge 'well done' to all our students! As always, heartfelt thanks go to the many staff members who supported the event, particularly Mrs. de Belle in Food Technology, Mrs Wright in Reprographics, Miss Chambers for the photography, the caretaking staff, and the parents who contributed to its success.



Inspiring the Next Generation of Creatives: Year 10 Career Insight Day

On Tuesday 30th June, Year 10 students from both Range and Greenbank took part in an incredibly informative and inspiring Creative Industries Career Insight Day. The event gave our pupils a rare look behind the scenes of television, radio, and digital media, connecting them directly with industry professionals at the top of their game.

We were thrilled to welcome an exceptional panel of speakers, including two of our very own talented alumni:

- Amy Jackson (Ex-Range Student): Amy began her broadcasting career in local Liverpool radio before moving into television at Sister, one of the UK's leading independent production companies. Having worked across hit dramas like *Passenger*, *Eric*, *Kaos*, and the Netflix spy-thriller *Black Doves*, Amy recently relocated to Sister's main London office, where she now supports major projects from greenlight to delivery.
- Paul Salt (BBC Radio Merseyside): A veteran of the airwaves, Paul started his radio career at just 17 years old. Over more than three decades, he has worked for Radio City, Century Radio, the BBC World Service, and BBC Radio Merseyside, winning two prestigious Radio Academy Awards for Best Entertainment Show and Best Sports Show.

- Vicky Smith (Ex-Range Student): After completing a Master's degree in Stand-Up Comedy, Vicky transitioned her live storytelling skills to the digital screen. She is now a social media advertising expert and the host of a podcast about Type 1 diabetes.



The day kicked off with a panel discussion where the guests shared honest insights into their career journeys and daily roles. Students then put their own questions to the panel during a lively Q&A session, before networking with the guests in a more informal, one-to-one setting.



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In the afternoon, the students rolled up their sleeves for two hands-on creative workshops. Vicky led a session on social media strategy, challenging students to build a campaign to "sell a zoo" by analysing target audiences and designing engaging content. Meanwhile, Amy took students inside the world of high-end TV production. Using an actual page of the script from



Netflix's *Black Doves*, students took on the role of a 1st Assistant Director (1st AD) to break down the scene's technical needs, before watching the final edited clip to see how their choices matched the real production. Overall, the day was a phenomenal success. All students represented themselves and their school exceptionally well, asking insightful questions and showing fantastic enthusiasm.



We are incredibly proud of our ex-students, Amy and Vicky, who are proof of the extraordinary places a Range High Media and Film education can take you. Seeing our alumni thriving in such competitive industries is a powerful reminder of what our community can achieve.



If your child is aspiring to a career in the creative arts, media, or beyond, our vibrant Sixth Form is the perfect launchpad. We provide the tailored academic support, industry connections, and enrichment opportunities needed to turn these creative passions into successful, lifelong careers. We can't wait to speak to our new intake of prospective sixth formers at our Open Evening next academic year.

– Mrs J Wilson, Curriculum Area Leader, Media Studies

YEAR 11 LEAVERS

Fond Farewells: Class of 2026 Celebrate Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

The end of an era is always a bittersweet occasion, but our Year 11s certainly ensured they went out in style during their recent Leavers' Assembly. It was a day filled with laughter, nostalgia, and a fair few tears as we said a formal goodbye to a truly marvellous year group.

A Sea of Signatures

The day kicked off with an absolute flurry of permanent markers. Year 11 pulled out all the stops with the time-honoured tradition of the leavers' shirt, ensuring no blank space was left untouched. Students gathered signatures, heartfelt messages, and inside jokes from friends, peers across different year groups, and the teachers and staff who have supported them along the way. At 11:00 am sharp, the year group was formally escorted over to the Sixth Form building for their final farewell.

A Walk Down Memory Lane

Miss Chambers certainly didn't disappoint, orchestrating a spectacular trip down memory lane. The assembly featured a series of photo montages that perfectly captured the journey this year group has taken, set to the song "Sign of the Times" by Harry Styles, which was a tear-jerker. The video highlighted the students' years at Range.

It traced their steps all the way back to their Year 6-to-Year 7 Taster Day, through Summer School, the unforgettable Year 7 school disco, and the adventures of the Year 8 PGL trip.

The video celebrated the countless memories and achievements they have accomplished together and individually over the years. It captured everything from end-of-year trips and excursions to Chester Zoo to school traditions like the Jolly Christmas Show, the Spring Spectacular, Sports Day, and the annual Matthew's Mile. It also highlighted their fantastic dedication to extracurricular life, including the Art Council, Art Club, D&D Club, and our very own student podcast, Range Waves.



Next up was a wonderful "then and now" treat. Set to Letter to Myself by The Lottery Winners, students got to see their Year 7 photos side-by-side with their current Year 11 portraits—showing just how much they have grown.



YEAR 11 LEAVERS

The Grand Finale

As the final credits rolled, listing every student's name alongside their chosen quotes, video messages from staff popped up to the soundtrack of Dreams by The Cranberries, offering fond memories and wishing the cohort well.

Then the highly anticipated signature video, put together by 95 students and Miss Chambers to the tune of David Bowie's Heroes.

Right at the start of the video, a clip from Ferris Bueller was shown delivering his iconic line: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."



It was the perfect sentiment for a year group standing on the precipice of change. Just when everyone thought it was over, Ferris Bueller popped back up on screen for one final post-credits message, telling the room: *"You're still here? It's over. Go home."*

It was a hilarious yet emotional punchline that sent a lot of students into floods of tears. It was a splendid assembly and a truly wonderful way to say goodbye.

A Final Message to Our Year 11s

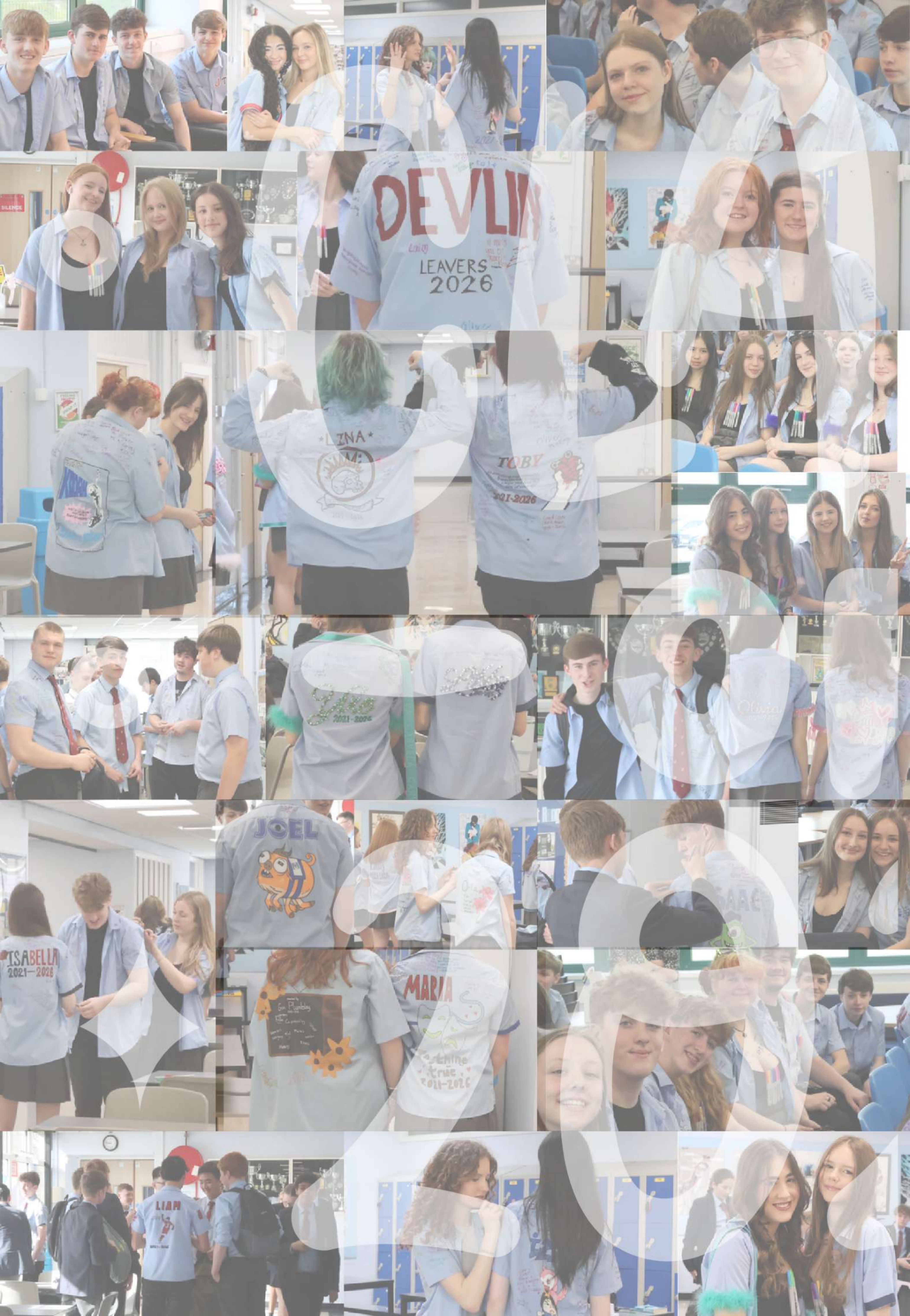
You have been a marvellous year group, Year 11. It is fair to say it's been a bit of a rollercoaster of a year, but you made it through with resilience, humour, and grace.

We want to wish you the absolute best of luck with your GCSE results. In the meantime, thoroughly enjoy your well-deserved, long summer break.

For those of you returning to us in September, we look forward to welcoming you into the Sixth Form, and to those who are moving on to new pastures, we wish you the very best of luck in your future endeavours. Please stay in touch, all of you.

You will always be a part of the Range family!







YEAR 11 PROM

A Night to Remember: Range High School Class of 2026 Celebrates in Style

The atmosphere was electric as the Range High School Class of 2026 gathered for their much-anticipated Year 11 Prom.



Held at the prestigious Princess Suite at Aintree Racecourse, it was a truly spectacular evening that marked a significant milestone for the year group.

The festivities began back at school, where students made a fashionably late, high-energy entrance.



They strutted down the red carpet for the iconic Range High prom photo, a moment that perfectly captured the excitement of the occasion. It was a wonderful opportunity for friends to catch up and share stories, having been away from one another for two and a half weeks.

After the reunions, the group boarded the coaches, arriving at the stunning Princess Suite by 7:30 p.m. It was a sight to behold as everyone arrived, glitzed and glammed up for their big night.



The spirit of the evening was captured by the many "high school sweethearts," with some couples even coordinating their outfits with matching ties and dresses.

The dance floor was the heart of the night, never once left empty as students — and a few energetic

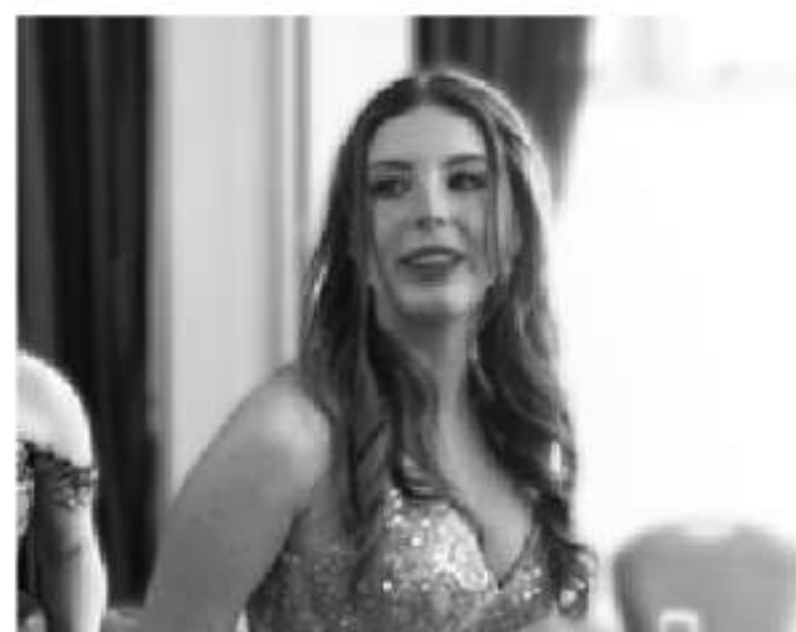
YEAR 11 PROM

individuals in particular—showed off their best moves throughout the evening. It was a night filled with laughter, celebration, and memories that will undoubtedly be cherished for years to come.



A Special Thank You

A heartfelt thank you goes to Ms McGowan and Mrs McGugan for their tireless work in organising such a wonderful event. A special mention must also go to Mrs Plumbley and Mr Duddridge, our Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year, for their fantastic support and leadership of the Class of 2026.



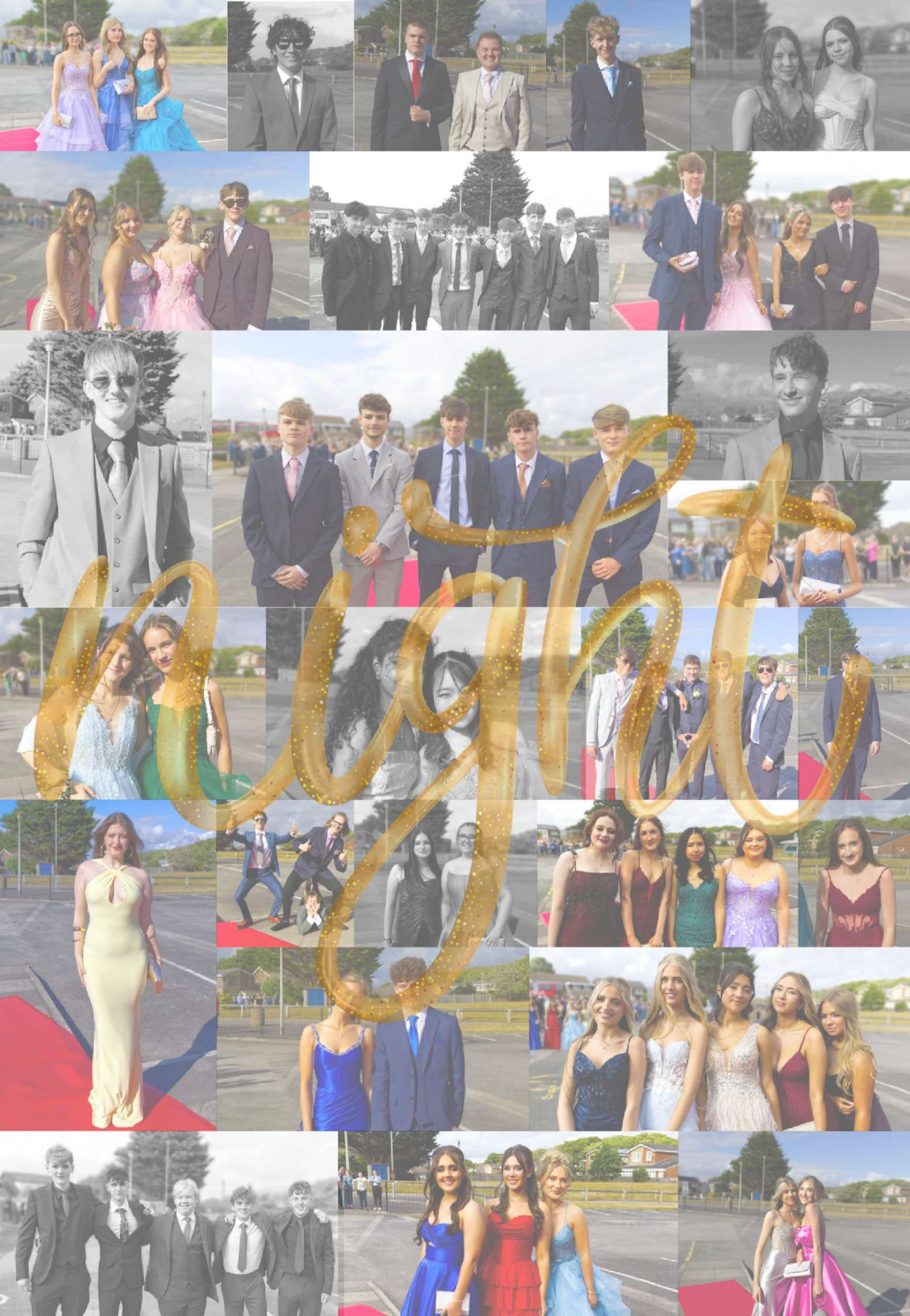
Finally, a huge thank you to Miss Chambers, who spent the night capturing all the magic; the photos have been shared with the year group as a perfect token of this memorable night.



We wish the Class of 2026 a fantastic summer break. We look forward to seeing you all again on 20th August for results day!







COMPUTER STUDIES NEWS

Celebrating Our New School Digital Leaders!

As we bid a fond farewell to our fantastic Year 11 and Year 13 Digital Leaders, who did an absolutely superb job supporting our school community and leaving big shoes to fill, we are delighted to announce the appointment of our brand-new student team.

A massive congratulations to Flora, Sophie, Arabella, and Alex on officially becoming our new Digital Leaders!

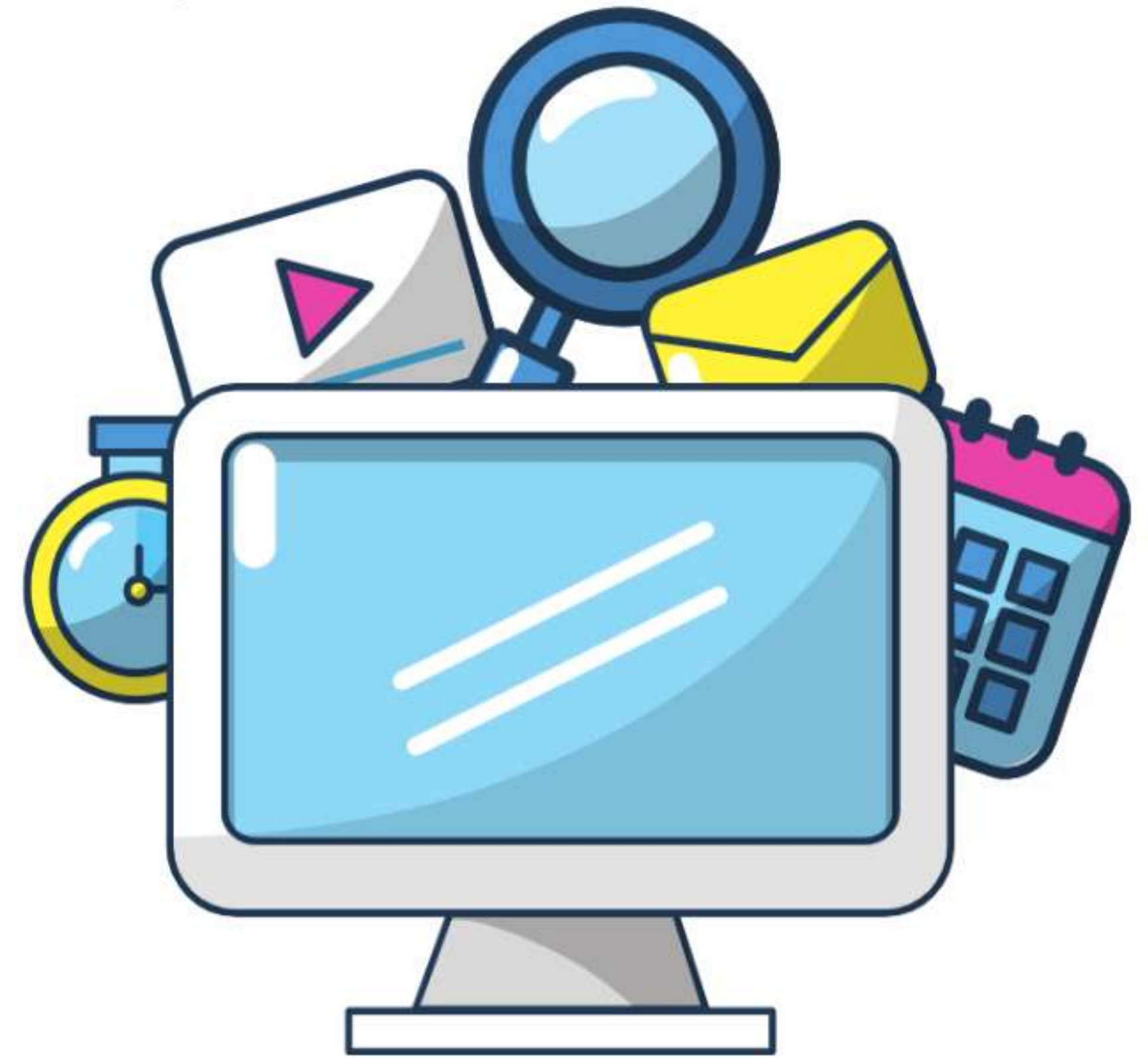
These students have shown incredible dedication, hard work and kindness in their computing lessons, always stepping up to help others and demonstrating exactly what leadership is all about. We are so proud of them and can't wait to see the brilliant impact they will have in their new roles.



Join the Team: Are you a tech leader of the future?

We still have a few remaining positions available for students who share this same helpful, community-minded ethos.

If you are passionate about technology, love helping others and want to get involved in mentoring or school open evenings, we want to hear from you!



How to apply: Your computing teachers are keeping a close eye out for like-minded students to put forward, but you can also take the initiative and drop in to see Mrs Howes (Room 6) at lunchtime for a chat if you'd like to find out more.

Well done again to our new leaders, and we look forward to expanding the team soon!

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



A New Era for Range Waves: Student-Led Success and Future Evolution

The microphone has officially changed hands at Range Waves, our popular school podcast. As our dedicated Year 11 team turned their focus toward their GCSE exams and their final terms at the school, Brandon, Joel, Isaac, Oscar and Orla have passed the baton to a dynamic new presenting duo: Jon and Nat Hall.



Since stepping into the roles, Jon and Nat have breathed fresh life into the programme. Their tenure has already been marked by some of the most energetic and engaging introductions in the history of Range Waves, bringing a unique flair to our bi-weekly post on TikTok and Instagram that has captured the attention of both listeners and staff alike.



It has been a pleasure to see Jon and Nat step up.

Introducing the Special Effects and Film Club

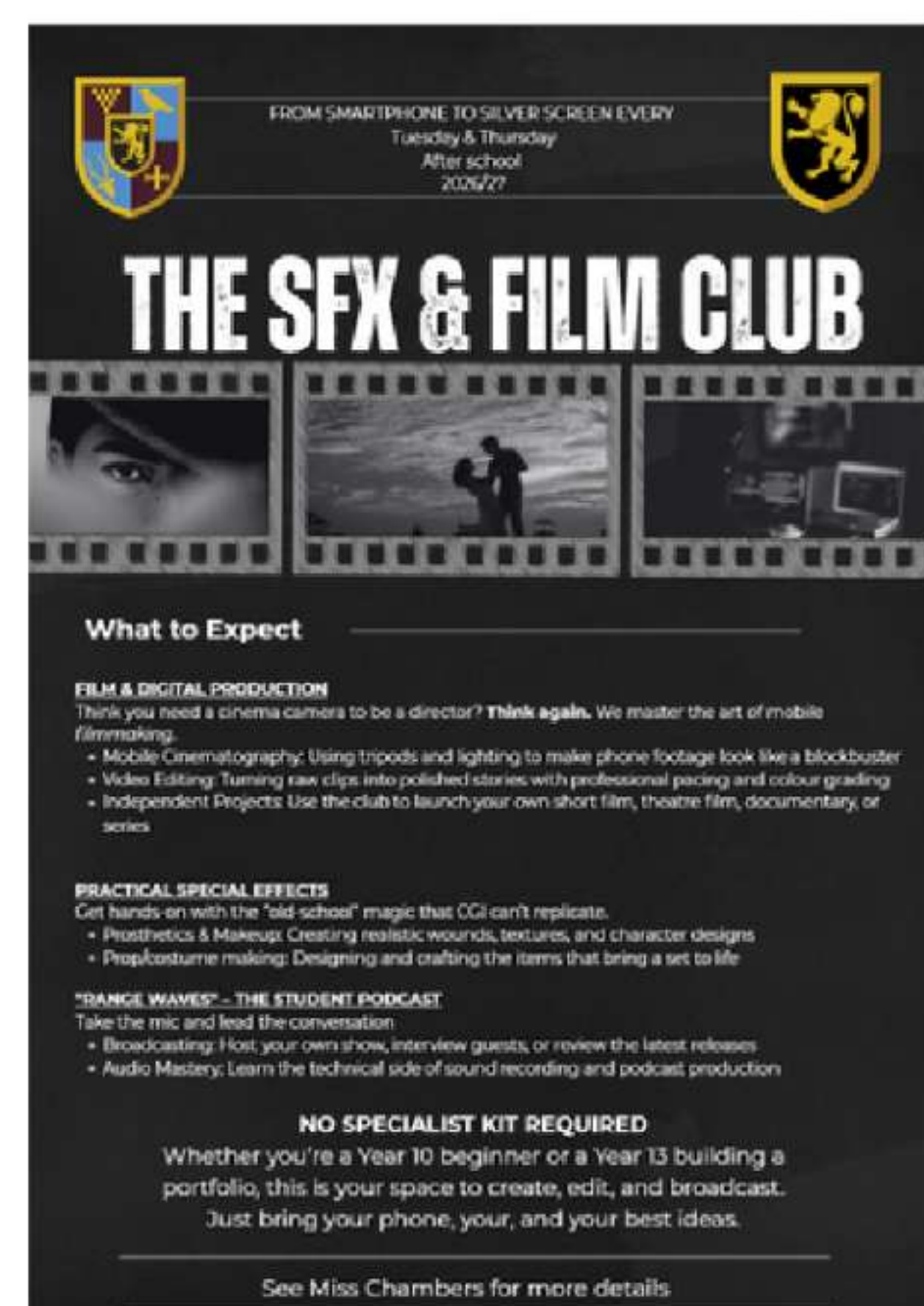
As we look toward the new academic year, Range Waves is set to undergo an exciting transformation. From September, it will become a core component of the newly launched Special Effects and Film Club.

This new venture is already proving to be a hit, with 15 students already interested in joining.

The club aims to provide a space for students in Years 10–13 to create, edit, and broadcast, with the ultimate goal of helping them build their creative portfolios.

Projects will be written, directed, and starred in by our talented students, who will master skills ranging from mobile cinematography and video editing to practical special effects like prosthetics and prop making.

Stay tuned for more updates as we prepare to transition from the airwaves to the silver screen this September!



STUDENTS STEPPING UP NEWS

Science & STEM Club

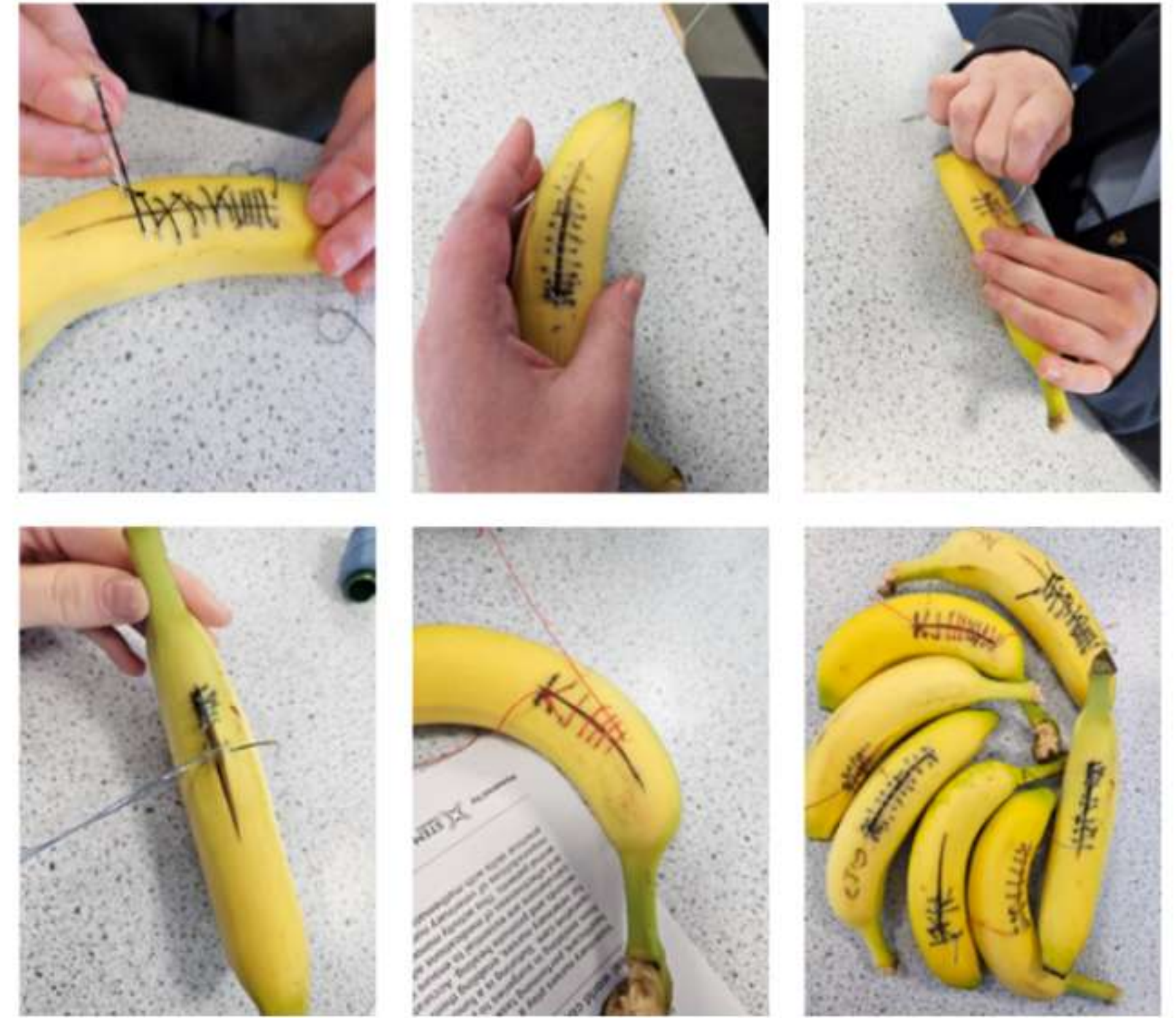
Year 7 have been working on their human body project. They produced a life-size drawing showing the position of organs and the circulatory system



Year 7 have also been looking at dissected hearts and working out how blood travels through the heart to deliver oxygenated blood to the entire body



Year 9 have been working on the health and disease topic, and some have been busy swabbing items in and around the lab and producing plates to show what bacteria grow in different places.



Year 10 STEM Club have been looking at careers, focussing on lab and practical skills. They have sutured bananas, made model teeth to show how dentures are produced and are looking forward to the next project.



Voluntary Work by Year 9 Students with the National Trust

A group of our Year 9 students has been engaging in voluntary work with the National Trust, contributing to conservation efforts in our local community. Our most recent project involved constructing a dead hedge.



London Trip 2026

The annual summer excursion to London organised by the History Department was a resounding success. Despite the intense heatwave, with temperatures reaching 36°C, the group successfully navigated a busy itinerary across the capital.



The day commenced at Camden Market, where students explored the eclectic shops, grabbed a bite to eat, and enjoyed some leisure time. Following this, the group headed to Spitalfields Market, sampling a diverse array of cuisines while soaking in the lively atmosphere.



From there, we ventured to the London Dungeon, embarking on a thrilling theatrical journey through 1,000 years of London's shadowy history—from the Great Plague to witchcraft accusations, and the narrow escape from the Gunpowder Plot. This captivating experience was brought to life by live actors and stunning special effects. Ms Templeton, Ms Cuffe, Mr Dolly, and Ms Murray were humorously chosen as extras in the storytelling!



Year 10 students also experienced a unique chance to delve into the harsh realities of life in Victorian Whitechapel, which served as a central theme in their GCSE Crime and Punishment studies. The walking tour was led by Mr Bonner, visiting the notorious site of the Whitechapel murders.



Students ventured through shadowy alleyways and historical locations that underscored the grim living conditions, overcrowding, and severe poverty faced by many Londoners in the late 19th century. We also examined the limitations of Victorian policing, which shed light on why 'Jack the Ripper' eluded capture—a mystery that continues to intrigue historians today.

- History Team

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Mon 14th September

ANY QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH!

ART NEWS

Range High Artist Triumphs in Sefton Young Artist of the Year Competition!

The Art Department is bursting with pride this week as we celebrate an incredible achievement by one of our very own talented pupils. Huge congratulations to Eva, Claudia, Kirandeep, Dexter, Josh and Matthew, whose spectacular artwork has been officially named as winners in the prestigious Sefton Young Artist of the Year Competition 2026!



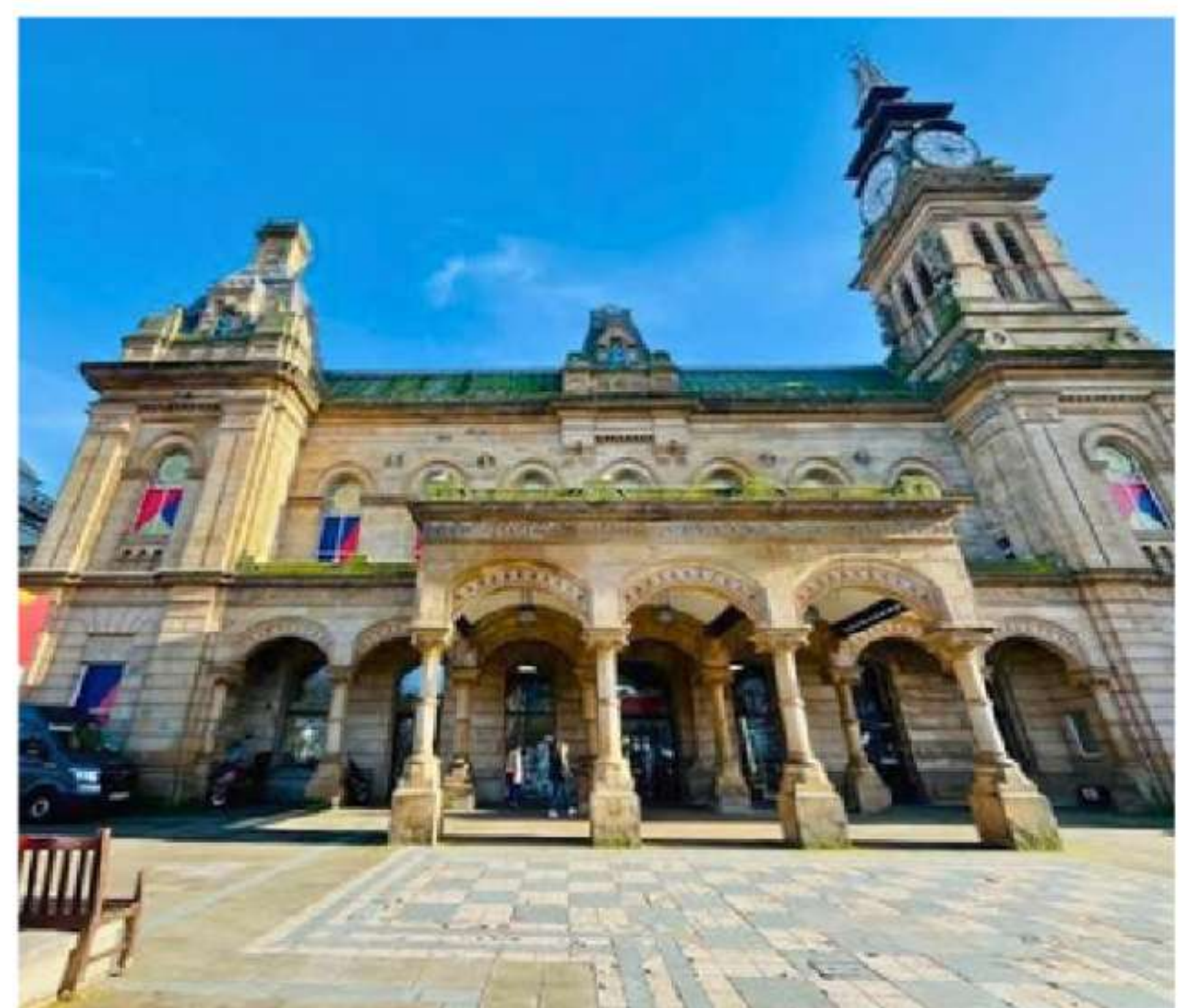
The official winners were announced online today, marking a massive milestone for our arts students. This competition showcases the absolute best young talent across the region, and our students' recognition is a true testament to Range High School's quality arts department and our pupils' dedication, creativity, and hard work. We are incredibly proud to see their artistic vision celebrated on such a grand stage.



As part of her prize, pupils have been invited by The Atkinson in Southport to exhibit their winning artwork in their gallery over the summer holidays. If you are visiting Southport over the break, please make sure to pop into The Atkinson on Lord Street to see their work proudly on display!



The celebrations don't stop at the exhibition. Winners and their families have been invited to a prestigious, private prize-giving event hosted by The Atkinson and The Art Society Southport. The ceremony will take place in The Atkinson's Studio on Saturday 18 July.



ART NEWS

Renowned Artist Ian Murphy Inspires Range High Art Students!

The Range High School Art Department was buzzing with creativity on Tuesday 7th July, as we had the absolute privilege of welcoming the highly acclaimed professional artist, Ian Murphy, to our school.



Instead of their usual schedule, our dedicated Art students stepped off-timetable for a full-day immersive experience based entirely within the Art Department. Under the guidance of Ian Murphy and our art staff, students rolled up their sleeves and threw themselves into a series of intensive drawing workshops directly tailored to support their ongoing coursework projects.



Throughout the day, students were introduced to an exciting variety of new media and advanced drawing techniques. The standard of work produced by the end of the day was truly exceptional. Students proved they have the independence and maturity to handle a fast-paced, professional studio environment (and are now busy catching up on the work missed in their other subjects!).



Opportunities like this are so valuable for young creatives, allowing them to see firsthand where a passion for the arts can lead. Keep an eye out around the department to see some of the spectacular coursework pieces inspired by Ian's visit.



ART NEWS

Future Stars Shone Bright at the Arts Star Final & Showcase!

Range High School was recently alive with creativity and applause as we hosted the spectacular Arts Star Competition Final & Showcase on Wednesday 1st July!



The evening was a wonderful celebration of young talent, bringing together talented Range High School pupils and the successful primary school pupils who passed their auditions to proudly represent their schools. Every single act that took to the stage delivered incredible performances that wowed the audience before being presented with a well-deserved winner's medal.



While all our primary participants were celebrated as winners on the night, the excitement reached a peak during the awards ceremony.



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The Expressive Arts team and all the primary school teachers and families who supported the children in preparing their fantastic entries are so proud, and we wish to congratulate all of our incredible young performers and our three brilliant art winners—you truly made the stage shine!



Rory Rankine

Rory took a selection of four photos

Joshua Bond

Josh painted an eagle his dove painting was chosen and won the prestigious Sefton Young Artist of the Year Competition 2026



Issy Holland

Issy drew a soldier in graphite looking out behind the trenches at the chaos that unfolded in the ward, a very powerful drawing.

Transition Day Taster Sessions

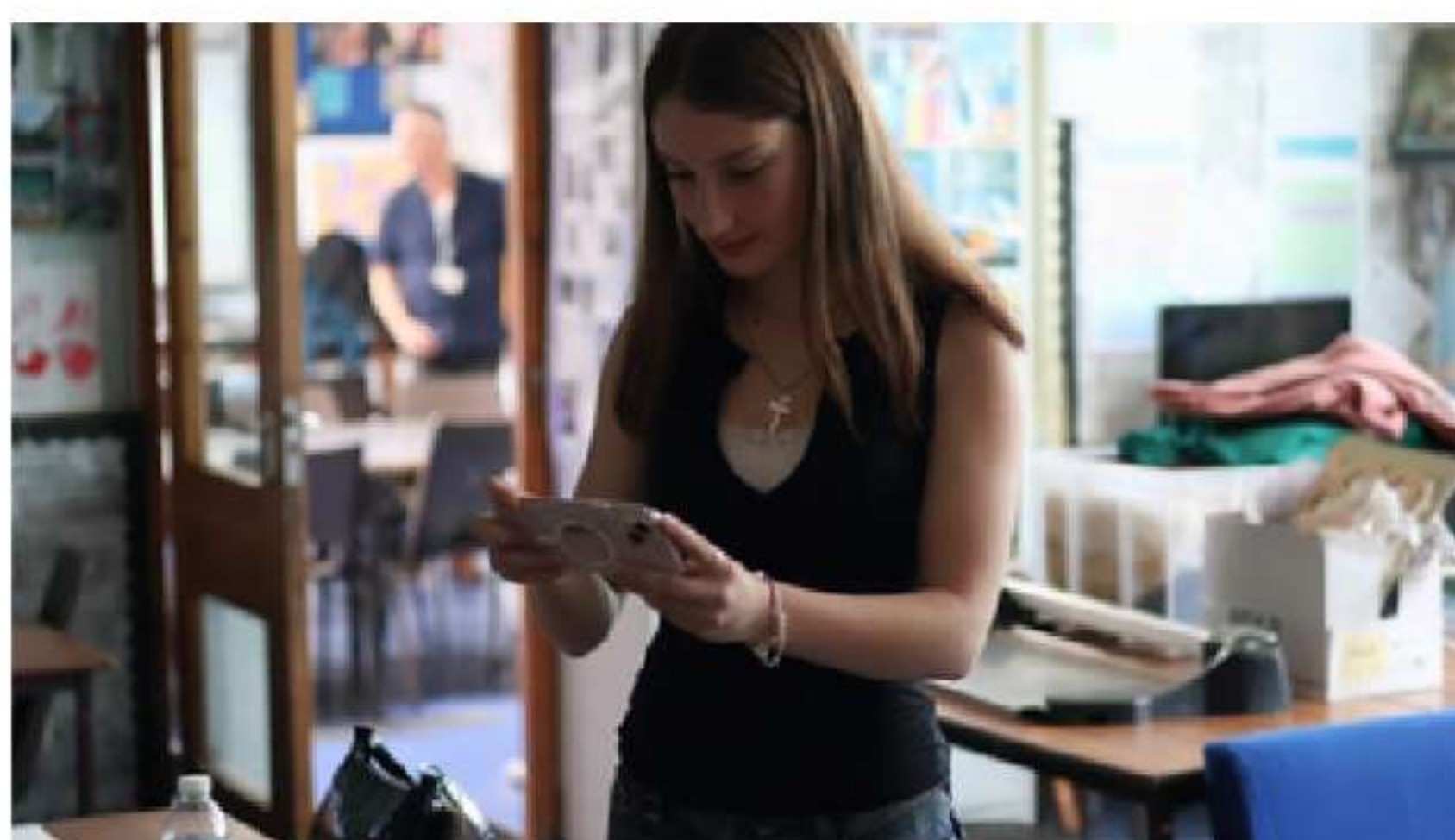
As part of the Sixth Form experience for the new cohort coming in September, the Art Department held a session for pupils, exploring the cyanotype printing technique with some excellent results.



They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and cannot wait to join us in the Sixth Form in September with all the exciting things that we have planned!



Local primary school children also attended a taster session, making colourful dreamcatchers, learning about radial design and Native American culture.



Christmas Paris Sixth Form Trip

Planning has begun in earnest for this year's Art & Photography trip, taking place in December.



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, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, Sacré-Cœur, 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 gives students a direct, hands-on experience that enhances their subject knowledge.

Bonjour ♥

HEAD TEAM OF 2026/27 NEWS

Sixth Form Head Team 2026/27

Excitement is in the air as we officially introduce the new Sixth Form Head Team for the 2026/27 academic year. Following a rigorous selection process that included interviews and votes from both the interviewing panel and the whole school staff, the chosen student leaders have officially stepped into their new roles.



Meet the New Team

We are proud to announce our dedicated leadership group who will serve our Sixth Form over the coming years:

- **Head Students:** Tom Blundell, Raffi Thacker, and May Redmond
- **Wider Head Team:** Sophia Morton, Florence Michael-Phillips, Chloe Wright, Nat Hall, Austin Shaw, Peter James, and Kady Ali



This team is poised to make a real impact on our Sixth Form, taking on a mandate that extends beyond our immediate cohort to support the high school community at large.



A Time of Transition and Future Growth

The appointment comes at a significant moment for our school community. Mr McGarry, who announced the successful candidates, expressed his sincere congratulations to the team and his total confidence in their ability to lead. As Mr McGarry prepares for his retirement, he finds solace in knowing the student leadership is in capable hands as he passes the baton to our incoming Head Teacher, Mrs Ryan.

Mrs. Ryan was delighted to meet the new team and is looking forward to working closely with them to shape the future of our school. We are immensely proud of all the students who participated in the selection process, as they truly impressed us with their ideas, confidence, and leadership potential. We look forward to seeing the positive contributions this group will bring to our school in the year ahead.

6th Form NEA Fieldwork: Crosby Beach

Our 6th form pupils put their fieldwork skills to the test with Day 1 of their NEA data collection at Crosby Beach. This marks the start of an exciting series of field trips, where students gather real-world data to support their A-Level geography coursework.



The focus at Crosby was on hard engineering strategies along the coastline. Pupils measured beach profiles and gradients using clinometers, photographed existing coastal defences, and carried out overtopping surveys. They also engaged in more analytical tasks, including risk analysis, bio-polar analysis, and cost-benefit evaluations. These varied methods ensure that students gain a comprehensive understanding of the physical and human geography shaping our coastline.



The data collected will be crucial in helping pupils select their NEA topic over the next few weeks. This forms a key part of their A-Level coursework, contributing 20% of their final grade. Beyond marks, it offers invaluable hands-on experience in fieldwork, data analysis, and report writing, as well as an introduction to literature reviews in preparation for their detailed coursework.

Fortunately, the weather stayed favourable throughout the day. A slight breeze and clear skies made for ideal working conditions on the beach. While the morning was a little chilly, temperatures rose as the day progressed, allowing students to work comfortably while enjoying the coastal environment.



Looking ahead, the pupils have three more fieldwork days planned: one at Formby, one at Southport, and a final trip to a location of their choice—possibly somewhere a little more dramatic, like the Holderness Coast. Keep reading the newsletter to follow the students' progress and see how the other fieldwork days unfold!

- Mr K Hughes, Head of Geography

SIXTH FORM NEWS

First aid

On 6th July, we participated in an Emergency First Aid at Work Training Day. This was a fantastic opportunity offered to all Year 12 students. We gained practical skills and confidence in handling emergencies.



The session, hosted by Steve McDonald, provided hands-on training in CPR and essential first aid techniques. During the day, we learned various techniques. In the morning, we focused on how to place someone in the recovery position, perform CPR on adults, children, and babies, use EpiPens, and more. Steve demonstrated each technique, such as CPR and the recovery position, then allowed us to practise on others while offering guidance and correcting mistakes. This hands-on approach helped us enhance our skills. In the afternoon, we learned about burns, wounds, fractures, dislocations, and signs of concussions. At the end of the session, we took a short multiple-choice test on what we had learned.



To pass and receive our First Aid at Work certificate, we needed to score 14 out of 20.

Some students felt that the session significantly improved their knowledge of how to help others in emergencies.

For example, Mattias said, "I really enjoyed the first aid course as I feel it was an incredible opportunity that not many schools offer! It has prepared me well for many different situations, allowing me to know what to do and potentially save a life if necessary. I also feel it will benefit me when applying for university and jobs in the future, so I am very grateful for this amazing opportunity and would definitely recommend it to others."



Similarly, Holly said, "I thought the course was really good and useful as it helps prepare us for the future. It can also enhance our CVs, showing employers that we have training and can handle emergency situations. It has given me confidence, knowing that I have the knowledge of what to do in these situations."

This session has equipped Year 12 students with vital life-saving skills, reminding us all of the importance of first aid. Whether responding to minor injuries or emergencies, knowing what to do can make all the difference. The experience has shown us how important first aid is, and we encourage everyone to learn these life-saving skills.

- Mrs Gaskell

YEAR 13 LEAVERS NEWS

A Final Farewell: Class of 2026 Celebrates a Monumental Journey

The atmosphere in the main hall was thick with emotion and nostalgia recently as the Class of 2026 gathered for their final leavers' assembly.



It was a day of reflection, celebration, and bittersweet goodbyes as students marked the end of their secondary education—a journey spanning seven years for many, and two for those who joined later for their sixth-form studies.

Regardless of when they joined, the sentiment was clear: every student is an integral part of the Range family.

A Walk Down Memory Lane

The assembly took the audience on a poignant trip through time, starting from the nervous, wide-eyed arrival of Year 7 in 2019, all the way to the confident young adults standing on the cusp of the future today.

Accompanied by the music of Harry Styles, which set the tone for the reflective slideshows, the presentation highlighted the growth, resilience, and camaraderie that have defined this cohort.

From early lessons to late-night study sessions, the memories shared served as a testament to the bonds forged within these walls.



A Heartfelt Tribute

The mood shifted to one of profound reflection as the assembly paid a special, moving tribute to Ruby Jones. A cherished member of the year group who sadly passed away in February last year, Ruby was remembered not only for her kindness and vibrant spirit but for the lasting impact she left on all who knew her.



Final Words and a Cinematic Farewell

As the assembly drew to a close, a moving credit sequence captured the heart of the class of 2026. Set to the evocative sounds of 'Dreams' by The Cranberries, the screen displayed a series of heartfelt video recordings and message notes from staff members, each offering their final wisdom and good luck messages to the students they have watched grow.



YEAR 13 LEAVERS NEWS

Signing Off in Style

True to their reputation for bringing energy to the school, the students ended the assembly with a signature nod to their unique identity. Paying homage to the trend they helped pioneer, the year group decided to film one final TikTok. Having started the 'Sixth Form TikTok' movement alongside Miss Chambers, it was a fitting, high-spirited conclusion to their school experience.



Before departing, every student left their mark on history, signing their names to commemorate their place in the Range journey.



It has been a truly fabulous year group, defined by their spirit and connection. While the school halls may feel quieter without them, there is no doubt that the Class of 2026 is ready to make their mark on the world. You will be sorely missed, and we wish you every success in all that you do.



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YEAR 13 PROM NEWS

Prom

The Range Sixth Form Year 13 Class of 2026 marked the end of an era by gathering at the historic Racquet Club in Liverpool for a spectacular Leavers' Prom. It was a night of glitz, glamour, and emotion as students celebrated their achievements and toasted to the future.



The evening served as the ultimate "final hurrah," bringing together a diverse cohort of students—some who had walked the halls of Range High School for seven years, and others who joined the community later to complete their final two years of study.



As the celebrations unfolded, the atmosphere was undeniably bittersweet. Reflecting on the transition, student Emily captured the sentiment of many, admitting that leaving school felt "like abandoning Range." However, this heartfelt concern was met with a powerful reminder: no matter where life leads—whether travelling abroad, embarking on apprenticeships, gaining

valuable work experience, or heading off to university—every student remains a vital part of the Range family.



The celebrations were punctuated by a special awards ceremony that added plenty of laughter to the night. Honours were handed out for everything from "Best Hair" and "Best Dressed" to the highly anticipated "Most Likely to Become Prime Minister." There was even a playful nod towards who might be the first to retire early—a title that, by popular consensus, pointed directly towards Mr McGarry!

This was a year group that was certainly never shy of the camera. The dance floor remained packed throughout the evening as students made the most of their final celebration together.



YEAR 13 PROM NEWS

A special thank you is due to Chrissy for her exceptional work in organising such a wonderful prom. We also extend our deepest gratitude to Chrissy, Mrs Phillips, Mr McKay, and Miss Ball for their unwavering support, guidance, and dedication to the Class of 2026 over the past two years.



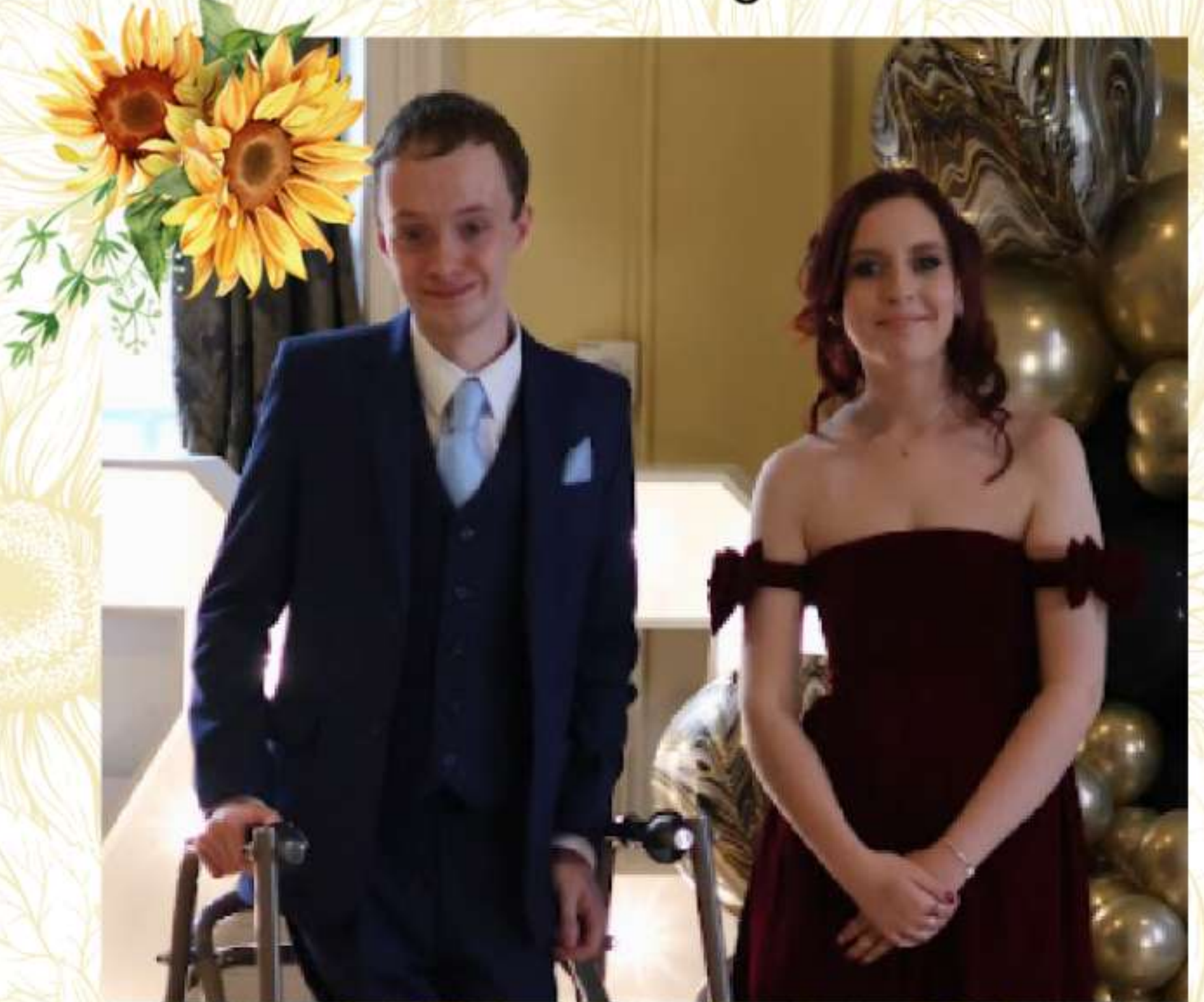
The spirit of the night was deeply influenced by the memory of our student, Ruby Jones, who sadly passed away in February last year following an ongoing illness. Ruby was very much present in the hearts of her peers, who wore crochet sunflower pins throughout the night to keep her memory and spirit close.



This year group will forever be dubbed the "**Sunflower Year Group**"—not only in memory of Ruby but because of the way they emulate the sunflower itself. Just as sunflowers turn towards the sun, this group has consistently turned towards one another for support, standing strong together through every challenge they faced and supporting each other when they needed it the most.



Whether you spent seven formative years at the school or joined for your A-level journey, the bond formed within this Sixth Form is lifelong.



As the Class of 2026 prepares for their next chapter, they do so with the knowledge that they will always be part of the Range family. We wish all our leavers the very best of luck in their future endeavours. Stay in touch, and remember that you will always be welcome back.



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