

# *Hawkley Hall High School's Newsletter*

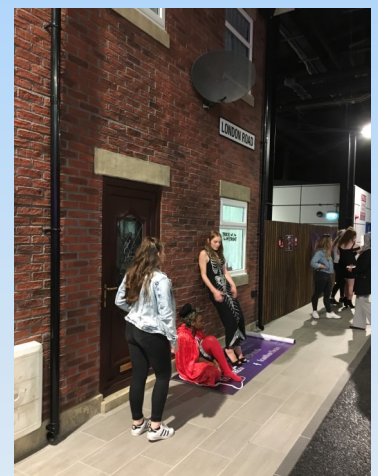
# *Hawkeye*

## *Christmas 2018*

## **Bury Fire Station Trip**

On Halloween, a group of Y9 and Y10 students visited Bury Fire Training and Safety Centre. The inside of the building had been transformed into a set where the students watched actors and actresses perform pieces which were aimed at highlighting some of the dangers associated with Halloween and Bonfire Night.

The students had to follow the actors through a house where there was a Halloween 'party' going on and towards the end of the story a fire broke out. Students were shown by a fireman what a burnt out bedroom looks like and at the end there was a performance of Michael Jackson's 'Thriller'!



# 2018 Liverpool University Mathematics Masterclass

This term the mathematics department at Hawkley have sent students to attend five mathematics masterclasses run by Liverpool University. There were a limited number of 60 places available and Hawkley High School were lucky enough to be given four places. As a result, two students from year 8; Katie Evans and Katie Rigby and two students from year 9; Joshua Woodthorpe and Megan Wilkes were selected, to attend and represent the school. The Masterclasses ran on five alternate Saturdays during the autumn term, and provided an excellent opportunity for able and enthusiastic pupils from all over the North West to meet up and explore mathematical ideas. Each Masterclass consisted of two sessions, with each session exploring a different area of mathematics. Topics covered have been very varied, ranging from mechanics and juggling to codes and ciphers.

## The National Young Mathematicians' Awards

Explore Learning Warrington invited pupils from across the region to compete in a team mathematics competition run with NRICH project at the University of Cambridge. Schools were asked to enter a team of four pupils, who would then have the unique opportunity to tackle a never-before-seen mathematical problem. Hawkley Hall High Schools team consisted of four year 8 pupils, who were chosen for their excellent problem solving skills. Katie Mascord, Francesca Boyham, Joe Smith and Samuel Cunliffe represented us in the first round stage on the 8th November. The pupils came third in the competition and were praised for their confidence, problem solving skills and teamwork.

## Math's Games and Puzzle Club

This term the mathematics department have launched a new club. Every Wednesday pupils from across the school meet in D9, during lunchtime, to play a selection of puzzles and games. The games selected all have a mathematical basis, proving to all that maths can definitely be fun. The club has proved very popular with participation from year 7, year 8 and year 9 pupils.



## Math's Darts Club

This term Mr Roberts set up a darts club for KS3 students, initially the club was planned to only run one lunch time a week however because of the number of students wishing to take part and the popularity that it has gained with the students, the club has now been extended to two sessions a week. The two sessions run in D6 and are as follows; on a Wednesday dinner year 9 students play and on a Thursday it is the turn of year 7 and 8s. On average per week, attendance to the club is around 20 students over the two sessions. Pupils play different games including; beat the boss, round the board and knock-out matches.





# Wigan Athletic Community Trust

Ten year nine students have completed an ASDAN accredited qualification in business and enterprise through the Wigan Athletic Community Trust. The course involved looking at the business side of running a football club as well as sports activities. The students received their qualification during a visit to Wigan Athletic's training ground in Euxton where they had a tour of the facilities, watched the players train and spoke to the manager, Paul Cook. Well done, lads!



## The Scholars Programme

A group of 12 Year 9 students (Harry Collins, Elliot Hilton, Daniel Hopwood, Liam King, Malachi Robertshaw, Jack Ryan, Leyton Dawber, Elliot Gaskell, Daniel Smith, Scott Wood, Frankie McConville and Morgan Kelsall) have been taking part in The Scholars' Programme, an initiative facilitated by The Brilliant Club. The programme pairs the students with a PHD tutor to give them a feel for university level work as well as taste for life at university. The students spent a day at the University of Liverpool where they had their first tutorial on amino acids as well as a chance to experience life on campus. They will continue with their tutorials in the coming weeks which will all lead to a 2000 word essay! The students have been really engaged with the programme so far and have hopefully felt inspired by the thought of one day applying for a place at one of the country's most prestigious universities.

Mr. Finch



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# Parents' Information Evening

On Tuesday 30th October we held a Parents' Information Evening for Year 11 students. The event was designed to help parents support their child in preparation for their GCSE exams in the summer. There were four main areas of focus:

- Wellbeing for students
- Revision Techniques
- Technology to Support Progress
- Preparing for English, Maths and Science exams.

The event was very well attended but if you were unable to make it on the evening all the resources can be downloaded from our school website on the following link: <http://hhhs.net/year-11-parents-information-evening-2018/>

## PE: Hockey

The Y8 and Y9's played in the Wigan Schools Hockey Competition earlier in the term with the year 9 team winning overall. Well done to all involved!



- Receive messages and letters from school
- Easily pay for items, such as school trips and revision guides, using your preferred payment method
- Complete medical and parental consent forms online
- Top-up your child's dinner money online
- View what your child is spending their dinner money on

***Please contact your child's Student Support Officer to receive a link to register for an account, if you have not already registered.***

# The Little Princess Trust

Five amazing students from Year 9 took the brave decision to have a length of their hair cut off to donate to the Little Princess Trust. The charity provides wigs for young cancer patients who have lost their own hair. Megan Wilkes was the brains behind this fantastic gesture and she was joined by Lyanne Villanueva, Millie Wilding, Ella Germain-Robinson and Jessica Cunliffe in having at least seven inches of their hair cut off which was then posted out to be turned into wigs. The girls also raised a staggering £750 through donations from family, friends, students and staff which will also be donated to the same charity to support the fantastic work they do. Well done, girls!



## Cross Country

Year 7, 8 and 9 have recently participated in cross country during their PE lessons. A huge well done to everyone who took part! An additional well done to the following students who received the fastest time award for their year group.

### YEAR 7

**Grace Jones - 11.28**

**John White - 8.24**

### YEAR 8

**Francesca Boyham - 9.29**

**Connor Brown - 8.23**

### YEAR 9

**Lucy Fazackerley - 8.19**

**Alex Jones - 8.25**

The above students will be representing Hawkley Hall in the 'Wigan Schools Cross-Country'. Congratulations!



# Hawkley Brass Group - Christmas 2018

Hawkley Hall Brass Group have once again, been very busy this Christmas. On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, the group performed at some of our local primary schools to get everybody in the festive spirit. Pupils from St. Jude's, Hope School, Worsley Mesnes, St. Paul's and St' Aiden's all thoroughly enjoyed the concerts. There was lots of singing, clapping and dancing! Each school would not allow the brass group to leave until they had performed Jingle Bells one more time!

At our Expressive Arts Evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, the senior members of the brass group continued to spread the Christmas cheer by performing Christmas carols as the audience arrived. They were then joined by the choir for a joint performance of '*Silent Night*'. This really was quite special, and certainly gave the concert a festive start. Well done to all performers.

The rest of the brass group joined the senior members at the end of the concert to bring the evening to a close. As well as some popular carols, Hawkley Brass group's performance of Slade's '*Merry Christmas Everybody*' had everyone singing on the way home.

The busy season of Christmas performances came to a close with the group's performance at the annual Senior Citizens Christmas party, this year on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, which was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon once more.

The members of Hawkley Hall Brass group have all done thoroughly well throughout all performances, with their fantastic playing and brilliant behaviour. Five members (Year 7) only joined the group in September, and so a special mention must go to Niamh McDermott, Harry Pye, Ethan Shelmerdine, John White and Deanna Wilde for learning so much new music in such a short time.

Any pupil who has an interest in performing a brass instrument is encouraged to speak to Mr. Cavanagh in music. Hawkley has a full set of brass instruments which Hawkley pupils can use free of charge.

Mr. Cavanagh  
Teacher of Music



# HHHS Football

All year groups from 7 to 11 have been competing in the 'Wigan Schools Football League' this term. Teams from years 8, 10 and 11 have a 100% attendance record in the fixtures they have played, while other teams have started strongly in their leagues. All teams are in contention to finish in the top 4 and could go on to compete in the 'Schools Cup' competition, later this year. Year 11 have only one fixture remaining in their league and will go on to compete in the Wigan Schools Final in their last fixture representing Hawkley. Congratulations to all the pupils who have committed their time to the school teams and we wish them luck for the rest of the season.



# HHHS Table Tennis

This term HHHS students from years 7-10 have been developing their table tennis skills in lessons as well as during lunch times and afterschool, with over 50 students regularly attending.

On a Tuesday, afterschool, Wigan Table Tennis Club have been supporting GCSE students through expert coaching and intervention, in order to improve their practical grades, assessed after Christmas. With this support, and through the hard work of the students inside and outside of lessons, HHHS students performed fantastically well in the 'Wigan Schools Table Tennis Competition'.

Students from years 7 and 8 took four teams to compete and performed exceptionally to achieve 3 top 5 finishes, including the bronze medal.

Students from years 9 and 10 also took 4 teams to compete, with the first team making it through to the final. Sadly however, they were unable to beat a very talented Standish team and finished with the silver medal.

HHHS also achieved a bronze medal as well as 5th and 6th place finishes.

