



# HEBER HIGHLIGHTS

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**Headteacher Editorial:** As I write this, it is five years ago almost to the day when we experienced our first national lockdown during Covid. The School is as busy as ever and I am so so proud of where we are now as a school community. Whilst the Spring Term is traditionally the shortest term in the school calendar we have enjoyed a longer term of 12 weeks this year which has allowed us to deliver so many events both inside and outside the school day many of which are featured in this and recent Heber Highlight Newsletters. Fixtures, clubs, trips, and visits continue to be more popular than ever, and I believe that staff continue to go the extra mile for their students especially in the build up to the external GCSE and A-level examinations this summer.



Our Sixth Form History and Politics students had the privilege of meeting our local MP at Heber. Aphra Brandreth MP was recently elected to the new seat of South Chester and Eddisbury at the 2024 General Election. The students found the morning she spent with us both interesting and inciteful. Aphra gave them lots of information about her own route into politics, her work as an MP and her roles on the Foreign Affairs Select Committee as well as a shadow minister in DEFRA.



The recent **Heber Footlights** show in March showcased the vast breadth of talent at the school. Following record numbers of auditionees, over 30 student acts put on a thoroughly entertaining evening to a packed house in the Main School Hall. It has

now also become customary in recent years to present the name of the next whole school production, and I'm pleased to announce that "Grease" will be performed at Heber in the Autumn Term 2025.

The number of **STEM events** held this half-term have been especially pleasing. In Maths, Year 10 and 11 participated in the Intermedial Maths Challenge and in March we hosted the annual Science Fair with over 200 students from Year 3 to Year 8 presenting their projects.



I would like to thank everyone who supported the non-uniform day for the Red Nose Day appeal on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. We raised £950 in total for this good cause.

We have two members of staff leaving Heber this term: **Mrs K Kirkman** (2022-2025) joined Heber almost three years ago in September 2022 as the Assistant SENDCo having previously worked at Trafford Alternative Education Provision (2009-2022), Wellington School (2004-2009) and Clough Hall School (2002-2004). Mrs Kirkman leaves us for a promoted post of SENDCo at Ancora House.

**Mrs J Rich** (1996-2025) joined Heber over 29 years in January 1996 as a Middy Assistant (1996-2004) and then moved into the D+T department as a Food Technician (2004-2025). Mrs Rich is leaving us to enjoy a well-earned retirement, and we wish her all the very best.

## Academic Year 2024-2025 (important dates)

### Summer Term 2025

- 22.04.25 **Students return to School (Week A)**
- 22.04.25 Lower Sixth Mock A-Level Exams
- 24.04.25 Year 10 English Mock Exams (Paper 2)
- 25.04.25 Non-uniform Day (Friends of Heber)
- 26-28.04.25 Year 13 DoE Gold Award Expedition
- 29.04.25 Year 11 GCSE Languages Speaking Tests start
- 29.04.25 Year 7 Menai Trip - Parents' Mtg. (MSH 6 p.m.)
- 01.05.25 Year 7 Parents' Eve (4.15 - 7.15 p.m. SPH)
- 05.05.25 **School closed: May Day Bank Holiday**
- 08.05.25 GCSE external exams start
- 21.05.25 Upper Sixth Leavers Assembly (5 p.m.)
- 23.05.25 Year 10 English GCSE Paper 1 (a.m.)
- 23.05.25 Year 11 Celebration Assembly (1 p.m)
- 23.05.25 Year 11 Exam Preparation Period starts
- 23.05.25 Upper Sixth Leavers' Ball (Chester Racecourse)
- 23.05.25 Close for Half-term (3.30 p.m.)
- 26.05.25 **Half Term**

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This was followed with the Year 8s representing the school at a regional competition hosted by Unilever. 40 teams entered the competition with ten awards available. The Year 8 Heber Team came back with two of the awards: The 'Communication Award' for the best presentation, and the 'Technical Award' for best overall score from all of the Research and Design categories.



## Heber's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Tables of 10 (£850) or £85 per ticket available from [Your Box Office](#). Price of the ticket pays for the venue, staffing, band/disco and bar/catering (four-course meal inc. drink on arrival and cheese/coffee). Please support if you can.

Attendance at events this year has been exceptional – thank you! With only one Parents’ Evening remaining for Year 7 in May we’d welcome your feedback (click [here](#) or scan the QR code) and we will use the information provided to continue to support our planning for the next academic year.



## Year 12 Young Enterprise Team

Young Enterprise students have met every Monday lunchtime and have learned how to set up and operate a business. They decided to manufacture handcrafted chopping boards, made from re-purposed wood and have successfully run their business called Hakkei, working as a collective team they have developed their organisational and decision-making skills, raising over £800 in revenue.

They recently completed at the Chester & Warrington finals winning an award for sustainability.

The following students were involved.

Roahon Doyle (12RLe) - Managing Director led the team:

Patrick Egri (12RLe), Reuben Burge (12RMy), Austin Morgan Williams (12RMy), Lawson Morgan Williams (12SSm), Freddie Parkin (12RLe), Anna Willis (12SSm), Joseph Hughes (12NSt) and Phoebe Lloyd (12 MLi).

### Mr B Lonergan – Subject Leader of Business Studies

## Academic Excellence Programme

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, we welcomed groups of students (and staff) from Malbank School, Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School and Sandbach High School to join with Year 12 members of our Sixth Form Scholars Programme for an 'Academic Excellence Conference', organised by and hosted at Bishop Heber. Students took part in various activities, including giving small-group presentations, participating in a variety of debates, and attending talks from former Heber Oxbridge students and a representative from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. The Scholars Programme supports our Sixth Form students with advice and preparation for future applications to competitive destinations, including Oxbridge, and Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary Science.

### Mr J Garnham – Director of Sixth Form



## Guest Speaker in Sociology

Year 12 and 13 Psychology and Sociology students warmly welcomed a special guest to the Social Science department. Jennie McLaren, from The Lighthouse Centre at the charity Involve Northwest in Birkenhead, provided an insightful session on her role and the vital support the organization offers to families affected by domestic abuse.

Our A-Level students gained a deeper understanding of how their theoretical studies—such as the concept of aggression in Psychology and Families and Households in Sociology—relate to real-world situations. Jennie also introduced them to the cycle of abuse within relationships, helping them bridge academic learning with lived experiences.

In addition, students explored how this knowledge could connect to university courses and potential careers in Social Work, Counselling, and Psychotherapy. Their maturity, compassion, and respect for those affected by these challenges were truly commendable throughout the session.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Jennie for generously sharing her expertise and taking the time to engage with our students!

**Ms P Mullen – Subject Leader of Social Sciences**



## Salford Quays Geography Trip

In March, students in Year 10 studying Geography went to Salford Quays for their compulsory field trip to learn data collection, field sketching and to better understand a site of urban regeneration. Across two days, 110 students explored the site and demonstrated key geographical skills that we were impressed by. We were fortunate to experience some sunshine in the Northwest too!

**Miss K Wilson – Teacher of Geography**



## Headteachers Brunch

Our Headteacher's brunch awards started this week. The students were nominated by their Form Tutors for being students who go above and beyond. Well done to all the nominees.



## Learning to Learn

On 20<sup>th</sup> March, a group of Year 7 students welcomed Cheshire Wildlife Trust into school for a talk as part of their Learning to Learn curriculum. The visit supported the students' current project, which involves researching local wildlife and creating presentations on how to involve the community in wildlife gardening. The session gave students a better understanding of the challenges facing local species and the practical steps that can be taken to protect them. It also sparked lots of enthusiasm and enhanced ideas, helping to inform and shape the projects students are now developing in groups. The students who attended the talk will be acting as knowledge envoys,

sharing what they have learnt with the rest of their peers to support and guide their ongoing work. A big thank you to Cheshire Wildlife Trust for delivering such a useful and informative session.

#### Miss A McCulloch – Teacher of Music



## Aim Higher Programme

The Maths and English departments hosted more than 20 Year 6 pupils from nearby primary schools this term as part of our Aim Higher Program. Pupils got a taste of more advanced content, met new friends and had lots of fun with our talented Ms Symes and Mrs Moreland. Topics such as sequences, discovering Pi, probability, properties of number in Maths were embraced by pupils. In English pupils created their first book, having studied literary openings, protagonists and antagonists, metaphors for humanity and symbols and motifs. Their creativity and presentation skills impressed us all, at a finale event hosted by the library with parents in attendance. We look forward to welcoming them in September!

#### Miss K Wilson – Teacher of Geography

## KS4 Aim Higher Pilot Programme

During the past few months, myself and many others have participated in the pilot Aim Higher sustainability sessions conducted by Ms Wilson. These sessions have been extremely informative and engaging throughout the course of the year, as we have conferred about a range of topics including current affairs and resolutions to particular issues, which we had the ability to choose amongst ourselves. It has allowed us to focus upon subject matters that we are passionate about and intrigued by and to deepen our understanding and knowledge. In addition, as a collective we also produced a code of conduct to establish a positive, respectable and inclusive environment. This program has provided us with many fundamental skills to use when entering work or higher education, including taking on multiple perspectives when attempting to solve allocated tasks (six thinking hats) this enabled us to expose ourselves to diverse and fresh viewpoints. Furthermore, in recent sessions we begun to approach some real-life tribulations including health and wealth inequalities, vandalism and more, not only did this enhance our learning but it also made myself and my peers more conscious of what is taking place in the world around us.

#### Harriet Erwin - 11MPa

## Accelerated Reader

The results for Y7 Accelerated Reader have arrived. Huge congratulations goes to Finlay Lodge-Brown (7MWh) who has read over 2 million words and has passed 26 quizzes on Accelerated Reader!

#### Y7 Accelerated Reader passed quiz score

7A1 - 99	7B1 - 177
7A2E - 54	7B2E - 84
7A2W - 60	7B2W - 14
7A3 - 9	7B3 - 9

#### Outstanding students (passed scores are in brackets)

7A1 - Henry O'Donnell (7MWh) (15)

7A2 - Thomas Huxley (7ASt) (17)

7A2 - Finlay Lodge-Brown (7MWh) (26)

7A3 - Megan Petch (7SJo) (5)

7B1 - Alaiya O'Hara (7SBo) (22)

7B2 - Salsabeel Faseeh (7SCe) and Hattie Russell (7SCe) (9)

7B2 - George Sherlock (7S&W) (3)

7B3 - Elliot Carline (7SBo), Jack Stevens (7CSe) and Oliver Wodja (7CSe) (2).

Congratulations to the following students that have read over a million words so far...

Cameron Gibson (7JSy), Finlay Lodge-Brown (7MWh), Henry O'Donnell (7MWh), Lucy Ellis (7SBo), Edward Hawkins (7CSe), Alaiya O'Hara – (7SBo), Tilly Penny-Larter – 7SBo).

#### Mrs A Williams – Teacher of English

## Unilever Bright Futures

Students in Year 8 took part in the Unilever Bright Futures competition against 40 teams. Students worked hard over five months to design a personal care product and designed a suncream shampoo. The students did a fantastic job; and of the ten awards available, the team managed to win two awards! The communication award for the best presentation, and the technical award for the highest points achieved across all research and development categories.

Congratulations to Tiernan Roberts (8KR0), Harry Newman (8KR0), Ruby Roberts (8YCa), Elisha Hayes (8A&H) and Eva O'Malley (8BLo).

**Miss S Jones – I/C KS3 Science**



## Science Fair

201 students from KS3 and the local primary schools took part in the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Heber Science Fair. The projects were based on the theme 'Change and adapt' and ranged from projects on extinction and mold to fashion and Saturn's rings. Students spoke enthusiastically about what they had learnt and created really engaging projects. The ten judges had a really difficult time deciding the winning entries.

Thank you to all the sixth form students for their help with running activities. Teachers and staff with the organising of the event. Parents and teachers help the students with their projects. All the volunteer judges for their help with selecting the winning entries. But most of all, the students for producing such incredible projects. Congratulations to all!

**Miss S Jones – I/C KS3 Science**

## Library Clubs

Every Tuesday we have Accelerated Reader club and Scrabble club in the library at lunch time for KS3. Come along for your chance to win prizes and show off your impressive vocabulary skills!

**Ms C Barnett – I/C KS3 English**



## Heber Footlights Show

On 18<sup>th</sup> March, students took to the stage for this year's Heber Footlights show, captivating a full house and celebrating the incredible talent within our school community. With 33 acts spanning from Year 7 to the Sixth Form, the evening was a true showcase of hard work and dedication.

The programme featured a diverse range of performances including school ensembles, vocal solos and duets, instrumental performances, and student-devised drama pieces. Each act reflected the preparation and commitment of the students involved—everyone should be extremely proud of their efforts.

Adding to the excitement, the evening also saw the big reveal of next year's school production. We're thrilled to announce that Grease will be hitting the Heber stage in November 2025—and we can't wait to see our talented Heber students bring it to life!

### Miss A McCulloch – Teacher of Music



## Music Awards

The Performing Arts Department would like to offer a huge congratulations to all students who have passed external Music and Drama exams so far this year.

A special mention goes to the following students for their achievements:

- Emily Hughes – 9RWh for passing Grade 4 Popular Music Vocals with a distinction.
- Noah Khalil – 10Rky for passing Grade 6 Piano with a merit as well as passing his Grade 5 Music Theory Exam.
- Kayla Khalil – 10Rky for passing Grade 6 Piano with a merit as well as passing her Grade 5 Music Theory exam with a distinction.
- Olivia Hughes – 10ABI for passing Grade 5 Popular Music Vocals with a distinction.
- Seren Basu – 10AWh for passing LAMDA Grade 5 Acting with a distinction.
- Madeline Crabb – 9SFe for passing Grade 5 Piano.
- Crispin Robertson-Walker – 8YCA for passing Grade 2 Piano.
- Rebecca Lewis – 9AMc for passing Grade 6 Cornet with a distinction.
- Sianna Davies – 13KWi for passing LAMDA Grade 6 Acting with a distinction.

We are aware there may be other students who have gained success in external music and drama exams. Please do share these accomplishments with Miss McCulloch and Mr Ferrelly so we can celebrate them in a future edition.

## World Book Day

The English department dressed up for World Book Day on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March to not only showcase their love of reading but to inspire our students to find the magic in reading. This term our students have been taking part in a competition to design their own book token and embracing the theme of reading your own way. Finding books that mirror their hobbies and interests and sharing these with the class.



# Combined Cadet Force Royal Navy Cadets train at HMS Raleigh

Our Royal Navy cadets recently completed three 'field days' at HMS Raleigh, home to the initial ratings training in Cornwall. Cadets took part in an action-packed itinerary which included a ship visit and both obstacle and assault courses. The activities involved riding, jumping, vaulting and climbing which are excellent means for developing endurance, agility and self-reliance. Our students were able to practice their teamwork and develop self-confidence and indeed impressed the Royal Navy training staff.

Two Star Cadet Georgia Murphy vaulting an obstacle.



Cadets Sophie Hall and Ellie Wilson tested out their balancing skills.

Cadet Oskar Guest scales the high wall with the help of his team members.



Cadet Rhiannon Inglis-McMohan prepares to enter a storm drain tunnel, part of the assault course.

Cadets complete water jumps and tunnels as part of a team race. Cadet Alfie Williams leads his team to first place.



As HMS Raleigh is a training establishment, Bishop Heber Section were expected to maintain the highest standards and march in formation between training venues. Pictured Three Star cadet Ada Bebbington leads the contingent whilst giving drill commands.



Heber cadets also had a tour around the nuclear submarine HMS Courageous to learn about life as a submariner. The cadets spent half a day on board the activities led by one of her previous Commanders and Weapons Engineering officer. Students were able to enter various decks including the living quarters, and torpedo hatches. The Cold War submarine is preserved afloat in Devonport Naval Base to tell the story of naval nuclear power. Commissioned in 1971 as the sixth nuclear powered attack submarine built for the Royal Navy, she completed 21 years' service. HMS Courageous did not fire a shot in anger but was heavily involved in Cold War strategic, covert and tactical operations.

HMS Courageous afloat in Devonport.



Our next year's field days are already at the advanced planning stage and will include afloat activities at the RN centre in Southport and this time next year a visit to HMS Excellent to undertake damage control and firefighting training.

We will be recruiting new cadets very soon from Year 7. If you would like further information about joining Heber Royal Navy cadets, please see Mr T Roberts in Sc7 or Mrs Blackham in Sc2. (Mr T Roberts, Joint Section Leader)

**Mr T Roberts – DoE Manager**

## Notice for exams

Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form students - Check your postal address is correct (Exam Certificates)

Exam Certificates for this summer's exams arrive in school during November / December in the Autumn Term.

If a student no longer attends Bishop Heber High School when the Exam Certificates arrive, we post their certificates to the home address we have on Arbor. It is essential that you check the address details held by the school are correct and notify us of any change of address up to the end of the Autumn Term 2025.

Parents can check and update the address details we hold for students on Arbor  
<https://bishopheber.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>

## Duke of Edinburgh Award: The Practice and the Expedition

Whilst students work on their Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections independently, we all come together to complete the Expedition section in teams. Year 9 will be walking for four days and camping over two nights split between the practice and assessed bronze expeditions. The calendar is as follow:

Year 9 Bronze:

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 3.30 to 4.30PM - Student briefing given by our External Provider in the Main School Hall.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10AM: Practice Expedition starts from Bishop Heber.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May: Practice expedition returns to school from 5PM.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9AM: Assessed Expedition starts at Tarporley Community Centre, High St, Tarporley CW6 0AY.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Assessed Expedition finishes at Tarporley Community Centre from 2PM.

Year 12 Gold Award students will hike over seven days with five nights camping.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 3.30 Student briefing

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 10AM: Practice expedition St Thomas Church car park, Pen-y-cae (Church St, Pen-y-cae, Wrexham, LL14 2RL.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April: Practice finishes at midday Pontcysyllte Aqueduct Car Park, Wrexham (LL14 3SG)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Assessed Expedition in the Lake District.

Spring Break Awards: Congratulations to the following students for completing their award this academic year!

### Bronze Awards

Cian Hatcher (10JSt), Harry Rolls (10ABI), Jessica Whitley (10ABI), Nia Hall (10ABI), Orla Dancy (10RKY).

### Silver Awards

Anna Chapman (11TRo), Annabel Clegg (11HCa), Freddie Owen (11JGI), Imogen Baker (11JGI), Jessica Wilde (11RMA).

Gold Awards

Carys Manson (13JPe), Lestyn Brockhurst (13Klo) And former student, Tom Hamer

I would like thank Heber staff and those in the wider community who have volunteered to be assessors for our students. Without your input and expertise, the Duke of Edinburgh scheme would not have the positive impact on the lives of young people it serves. We are eager to expand the opportunities for Heber students and would like readers to get in touch if you can offer support to the scheme.

**Mr T Roberts, DoE Manager**

# Sports

## Football

A great win in the Cheshire Cup quarter finals for the U13s girls. Goals from Edwards, Jones and Brereton.



An excellent win the U16 girls in the Cheshire Cup beating a very good Neston side. What a goal fest for both teams 7-7 after full-time and 8-7 on sudden death penalties. A double hatrick & PoM for L.Dilworth.



A fantastic win for the U14s in the Chester & District quarter finals. Goals from Wetton, Braun and McEwan. PoM S.Roberts.



A good performance for the Year 10 boys in the District Cup vs Catholic High winning 2-0. Goals and PoM – Gunning (2).



An outstanding performance by the U16 girls 7-a-side squad at the Cheshire and Warrington Inspire Games tournament. After playing 7 District winners from all around the County the girls finished as overall Champions. Well done girls!



A cracking win in the Chester & District cup semi-final for Year 7. 3-3 at full time but scored all 5 penalties and Max with a great save for 5-3 wins in the shootout. Goals from Sheard and Williams.



Great effort by the U13 girls football team losing out in the Cheshire final to a strong Alsager side. Still a fantastic achievement to finish runners up in the Cheshire cup.



U16 Cheshire Cup Champions! An amazing achievement and thoroughly deserved after a 6-3 win in the final.



## Netball

Year 7-10 netball teams played a friendly against Kings, it was a cold one! But the girls played extremely well in particular the Year 9 team who won their game. Some tough competition, with lots to take away and learn from. Well done girls!



The U15 girls played their socks off in the North school's semi-final Vs Hornsea High School. Travelling over three hours for the end-to-end amazing netball. The girls were beaten in the final seconds of the game 31-30! An amazing achievement. Bring on the district tournaments next term.



Year 7 A tournament was very exciting! 8 schools entered and the girls got through into the cup semi-final and then had a play off for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and won coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Well done girls!



Year 9 beat Christleton in a Netball friendly and year 10 made a draw. Some fantastic netball girls well done. Looking forward to the future tournaments.



Year 10 Chester & District Netball tournament, both teams played really well coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. A great end to the season before the girls pack their bags for Spain!



The year 8B team got into the final at the Chester and District Netball B team tournament but were beaten by Kings 7-3 well done girls, silver medals!



Year 9 A team Chester & District runners up. Lost 7-5 in a close final. Heber B team also had some good games against A teams from all the other schools. Well done to all players.



Year 7 B team played some fantastic netball tonight beating Bishop Blue Coats in the District finals by 1 goal in the plate competition to take gold medals! Well done girls.



## Cross country

Congratulations to Nia Manson (8G+T) who competed in the English National Cross-Country competition at Parliament Hill, Hampstead Heath, London. She came a very impressive 21<sup>st</sup> out of 275 runners. Well done!!



Great to see that following qualification/selection for the inter counties cross country at Wollaton Hall Nottingham today, four Heber Girls represented Cheshire County Athletics. Nia Manson U13s & Harriet Beattie, Eleanor Wheeler & Emilia Pyper in the U15 competition.



Well done to Lewis Dutton (form) who took part in the inter counties cross country championships at Wollaton Park, Nottingham, following qualification back in January. He represented Shropshire in the U13 boys.



## Tennis

Congratulations to Toby Vaughan Griffiths (FORM) who was the winner of the Grade 5 12U tennis tournament in Caernarfon.



Congratulations to Maddie Crabb (9SFe) who played U18 tennis for Shopshire in the country cup. Great achievement!



## Skiing

Congratulations to Finnlay Lodge-Brown (7MWh) who represented Snowsports Runcorn at the English Alpine Champs in Italy. Competing in the U14 Slalom & Giant Slalom and against older/more experienced skiers, he skied brilliantly, securing 30<sup>th</sup>/68 in Slalom and 44<sup>th</sup>/72 in Giant Slalom (GS).



## Rugby

Well done to our senior 7s team who were competing in the North of England School 7s. To be the only non-selective, state school in the competition, you did yourselves proud!



Congratulations to the U15 rugby 7s team who were crowned winners of the Shrewsbury School 7s!



A good run out for our U13 rugby team in their Cheshire 7s tournament today with 2 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw. Well done to all involved.



A big day of learning for our Year 7 rugby team as they competed in their tier 1, Cheshire 7s tournament. To not be top of the pile took some getting used to but, recognising the next level the team needed to reach was invaluable. Well done to all involved.



A great day in the sun ended without 1<sup>st</sup> VII being crowned Cheshire Shield champions after a hard-fought extra time, golden point final against Lymm High School. An outstanding achievement by all players involved.



## Hockey

U13 girls' hockey v Abbey Gate 1-1 draw. PoM Tilly Robinson Lea debut as GK saved many shots on target. Well done all!



Our final 8s tournament of the year for our senior players and a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Shropshire 7s hosted by Wrekin College.



U14 girls' hockey at the Chester & District tournament. The games were all very close and it came down to our final game. We came away third with 1 win, 1 draw and a loss. Fantastic games girls. Well done!



First tournament for Year 7 girls' hockey team. They were brilliant, got some real potential over the next few years, well done girls!



## Indoor athletics

A fantastic effort and achievement this afternoon by the Year 8 boys indoor athletics team winning the Cheshire and Warrington Inspire games sports hall athletics finals.



Congratulations to Austin Mason (7SJo) who represented Chester Hockey, winning the Cheshire U12 Hockey Championship. This means that they will progress to the Northwest regional tournament at the end of April.



Well done to all who played in the U16 Chester & District hockey tournament and came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. It was the final tournament for these girls as a team. Great finish to the season.



Congratulations to Callum Graham (7S+W) who took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Whilton Club Round 1 Championship. Despite being caught up in a crash, he managed to pull himself back from 11<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, securing himself a well earned podium finish.



## Post Heber Success

## Six Nations Tournament

Former students Ben and Tom Curry were selected for England in this year's Six Nations Tournament. They were then selected to start together in the opening game versus the reigning six nations champions Ireland in Dublin – the first identical twins to represent the men's England side in history.



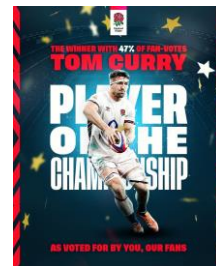
## Table Cricket

Table cricket squad doing great, now through to county semi-finals against last year's national finalists Wirral Grammer. Well done team!



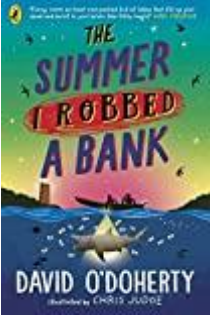

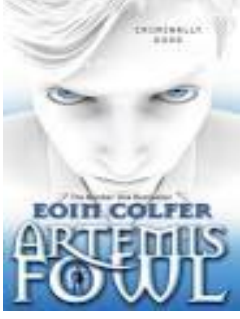

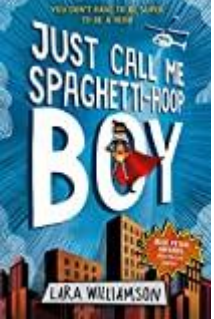


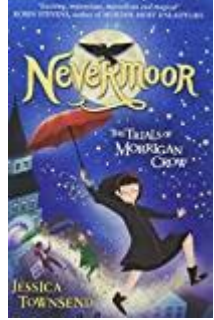

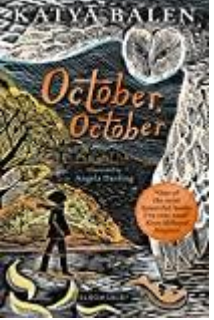






Ben (right) and Tom (left) played together in all five games and lifted the Calcutta Cup v Scotland for the first time in many years.


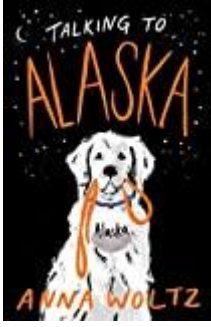


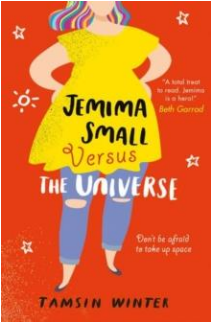
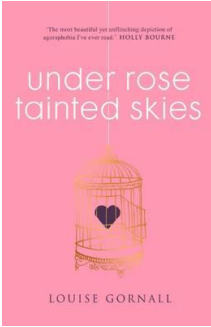


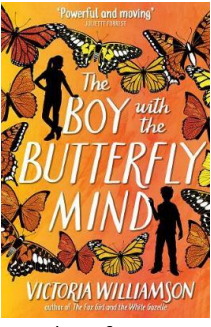
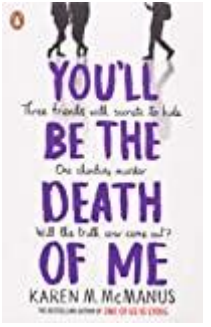


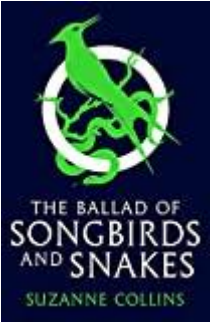
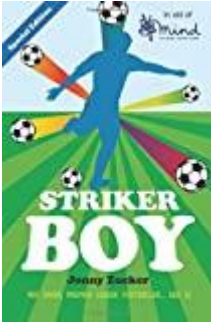
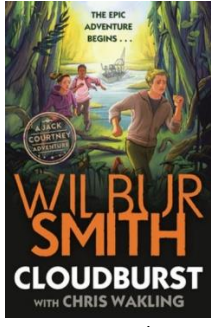

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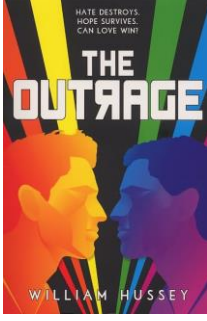
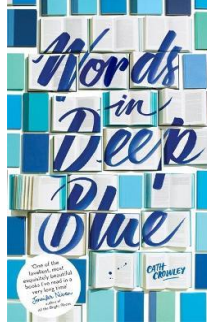

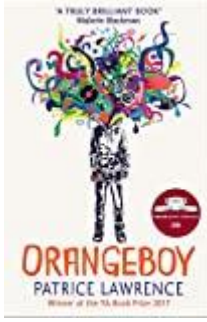



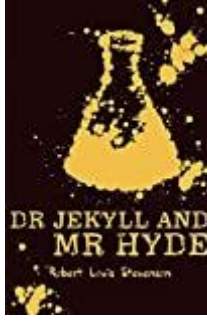


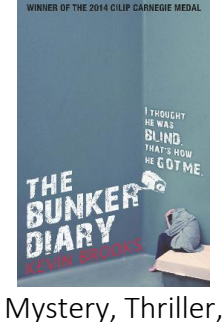
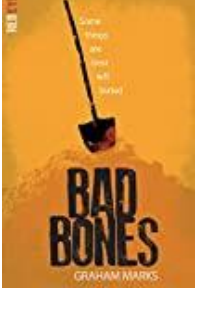
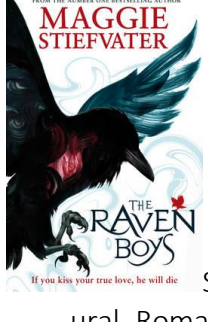
# Good Reads Yr 7-8

<p>AR Book Level 4.3</p>  <p>CHRIS PRIESTLEY</p> <p>Horror, Ghosts</p>	<p>AR Book Level 4.7</p>  <p>ALLY CARTER</p> <p>Crime, Thriller</p>	<p>AR Book Level 4.9</p>  <p>DAVID O'DOHERTY</p> <p>Humour, Crime</p>	<p>AR Book Level 4.9</p>  <p>Carlie Sorrosiak</p> <p>Humour, Dogs, Family</p>
<p>AR Book Level 5.0</p>  <p>Eoin Colfer</p> <p>Crime, Adventure</p>	<p>AR Book Level 5.2</p>  <p>Michael Morpurgo</p> <p>World War I &amp; II, Historical</p>	<p>AR Book Level 5.5</p>  <p>LARA WILLIAMSON</p> <p>Families, Superheroes</p>	<p>AR Book Level 5.2</p>  <p>THEODORE BOONE</p> <p>JOHN GRISHAM</p> <p>Crime, Thriller, Murder</p>
<p>AR Book Level 5.5</p>  <p>LAUREN ST JOHN</p> <p>Mystery</p> <p>Spies,</p>	<p>AR Book Level 5.6</p>  <p>Jessica Townsend</p> <p>Fantasy, Adventure, Magic</p>	<p>AR Book Level 5.8</p>  <p>GERARD SIGGINS</p> <p>Sport, Rugby, Ghosts</p>	<p>AR Book Level 5.8</p>  <p>KATYA BALEN</p> <p>Families, Nature, Animals</p>
<p>AR Book Level 6.4</p>  <p>The Bad Beginning</p> <p>Mystery, Adventure</p>	<p>AR Book Level 6.1</p>  <p>ABI ELPHINSTONE</p> <p>Adventure, Fantasy, Quest</p>	<p>AR Book Level 6.5</p>  <p>ALEXANDER GORDON SMITH</p> <p>Horror, Adventure</p>	<p>AR Book Level 7.5</p>  <p>CHRISOPHER EDGE</p> <p>Historical Mystery Thriller</p>

# Good Reads Yr 8-9

<p>AR Book Level 4.0</p>  <p>Friendship, Racism, Sport</p>	<p>AR Book Level 4.3</p>  <p>Dogs, Friendship</p>	<p>AR Book Level 4.8</p>  <p>Refugees, Adventure</p>	<p>AR Book Level 4.9</p>  <p>Supernatural, Romance</p>
<p>AR Book Level 4.8</p>  <p>Friends, bullying, self-esteem</p>	<p>AR Book Level 5.0</p>  <p>Romance, Agoraphobia</p>	<p>AR Book Level 5.1</p>  <p>Sci-Fi, Adventure, Space</p>	<p>AR Book Level 4.8</p>  <p>School, Mystery, Thriller</p>
<p>AR Book Level 5.5</p>  <p>Family Life, ADHD</p>	<p>AR Book Level 4.9</p>  <p>Crime, Murder</p>	<p>AR Book Level 5.6</p>  <p>War Stories, World War 2</p>	<p>AR Book Level 5.9</p>  <p>Horror, Humour, Cannibals</p>
<p>AR Book Level 6.1</p>  <p>Hunger Games Prequel</p>	<p>AR Book Level 6.0</p>  <p>Sport, Football</p>	<p>AR Book Level 6.1</p>  <p>Adventure, Kidnapping</p>	<p>AR Book Level 6.7</p>  <p>Prison, Adventure, Horror</p>

# Good Reads Yr 10-13

<p>Relationships, Families</p>  <p>Abuse, written in verse</p>	<p>Relationships</p>  <p>Illness, Romance</p>	<p>Horror</p>  <p>Thriller, Reality TV</p>	<p>Dystopia</p>  <p>Thriller, LGBTQ</p>
<p>Romance</p>  <p>Bereave ment</p>	<p>School life</p>  <p>Friends hip, Suicide</p>	<p>Crime</p>  <p>Relations hips, Drug abuse</p>	<p>Fantasy, Horror</p>  <p>Ghosts, Supernatural</p>
<p>Crime</p>  <p>Murder, Racism</p>	<p>Crime</p>  <p>Brothers, Autism</p>	<p>Classic Horror</p> 	<p>War</p>  <p>Humour, Crime</p>
<p>Science Fiction</p>  <p>Aliens, Video Games</p>	<p>Crime</p>  <p>Mystery, Thriller, Kidnap</p>	<p>Horror</p>  <p>Ghosts</p>	<p>Fantasy</p>  <p>Supernatural, Romance</p>

**Staying Safe @ Heber – April 2025**

**SPEAK OUT! STOP HATE**

**What is hate speech?**

It is speech that attacks a person or a group on the basis of attributes such as race, religion, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Words, name-calling, hateful phrases, casual racist, misogynistic and homophobic, biphobic or transphobic comments - they all have an impact.

Everyone has the right to be protected from abuse. At Heber will not tolerate hostility or hate speech towards any members of our school community because of their disability, race, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity. We recognise these as protected characteristics, especially as we believe it's everyone's right to be happy at Heber.



**What is online hate?**

Online hate is the posting and sharing of hateful and prejudiced content against an individual, group or community. It can take the form of derogatory, demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, insults and slurs.

If a post is hostile towards a person's race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity, it could be viewed as hate speech. If it is serious enough, it may break the law, whether it is online or offline.

Online content, once posted, remains hosted on the Internet indefinitely. This means online hate is usually permanent.

Online hate can quickly spread and 'travel' across the web to a large audience and – the harms it causes can be immense.

Evidence indicates that the sharing of hateful attitudes online can motivate people to commit harmful acts in the real world, such as physical assault, verbal abuse, damage to property. Hateful content can even lead to tragedies such as shootings or bombings.

**What can you do as parents?**

Students and parents are increasingly reporting that on platforms such as TikTok, Snapchat and WhatsApp young people witness harmful hateful language which is dehumanising and incites hatred. As a school we strongly advise that you monitor and put restrictions on your child's social media access, as well as regularly discuss with your child why hate speech is unacceptable and how it can cause significant harm.

At Heber every student has the right to feel safe, to be who they are and to be treated well – in other words, to be happy at Heber.

If you are the victim of hate speech, report this to your Tutor, Year Leader or Trusted Adult. You can also report this on the online form on the safeguarding page of the School Website

We are delighted that next academic year the Anthony Walker Foundation will be joining us at our PSHCE day in November to deliver an assembly on how schools and society can tackle race and faith hate incidents and crimes and the importance of promoting anti-racism through allyship. The session will also focus on Anthony's story with the aim of understanding the origin, escalation and consequences of race hate incidents.

**Safeguarding, Mental Health & Well-being and Online Safety**

**Introduction**

The staff at Bishop Heber High School is committed to helping keep our students safe. We ensure that students learn in a safe, caring and enriching environment. Students are taught how to keep themselves safe, to develop positive and healthy relationships, and how to avoid situations where they may be at risk.

We recognise and accept our statutory and moral responsibility to safeguard our students. Staff receive regular safeguarding training. Where students are identified as at risk of harm concerns are shared with other agencies including the police, health and children's services.

**Staying Safe @ Heber form to report concerns**

We have a clear and secure system for reporting and recording concerns. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Ms U Mort [umort@heber.org.uk](mailto:umort@heber.org.uk)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs S Vaughan [svaughan@heber.org.uk](mailto:svaughan@heber.org.uk)

If you have any concerns about a student in our school do not hesitate to contact us.



**ANTHONY WALKER FOUNDATION**

**SPEAK OUT! STOP HATE**

If you witness hate speech at our school it is important to tell your Tutor, Year Leader or Trusted Adult. You can also report this on the online form on the safeguarding page of the School Website.

If you witness or are the victim of a race or religious hate crime you can also report this to the Anthony Walker Foundation:

[Anthony Walker Foundation](http://www.anthonwalkerfoundation.com/speak-out)  
[www.anthonwalkerfoundation.com/speak-out](http://www.anthonwalkerfoundation.com/speak-out)

Coming to Heber on April 25<sup>th</sup> 2025, for one week!

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Cheshire West & Chester Council

# School Holiday Activities

Take a look at all the fun things happening across Cheshire West and Chester over the holiday period.



Please use your smartphone to scan the QR code to access the School Holiday Activities page

Would you like to know what is on young people over the holiday period? Find out more at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news-and-views/campaigns/school-holiday-activities>

Or search - 'Cheshire West and Chester, School Holiday Activities' to access all the information in one place.

*Information for activities and events have been provided by our partners. We may therefore not be aware of any last minute changes to their programme due to circumstances beyond their control. For further information please contact the event organisers.*



**We hope you have a healthy and happy holiday period**

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## Main School Office

Your help with the following would be appreciated. Lost property:

- Please ensure all items of School clothing and equipment is clearly named/labelled.

Equipment:

- Please ensure your child comes to School with the correct equipment for the day.

Please do not allow students to bring any items of value into School as we cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage.

## Attendance

Our school's attendance policy has recently been updated and can be located under the parents' section of the school website for further information.

<https://www.bishopheber.cheshire.sch.uk/parents/policies/attendance-policy>

## Finance

You can now donate to the Enrichment support fund via Scopay. The following items are available to purchase online via Scopay:

Casio Scientific Calculator fx-83GTX £8.00

Casio Classwiz Scientific Calculator fx-83GTX  
£20.00

8GB USB Memory Stick £5.00

Gum Shield £2.50

If you wish to purchase any of these items, please do so via Scopay and they will then be available for your child to collect from the Finance Office. If you have not yet signed up for Scopay and you need the information on how to do this please email [finance@heber.org.uk](mailto:finance@heber.org.uk) and we will send you the details, please include the student's name in the email so that we can send you your unique log in.

## Free School Meals

Did you know that by registering for Free School Meals your child not only has the opportunity to enjoy a free school meal? They may be entitled to some financial support for curriculum related day trips and visits.

The School also benefits from additional funding for children who are registered for free school meals or who have been registered in the past

six years. The funding gives every student in the

schooling system the same opportunities to succeed.

Additional support mechanisms at Bishop Heber include intervention classes along with financial support for educational visits and activities.

## Am I eligible for Free School Meals?

You will qualify if you are receiving one of the following benefits;

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

## Do you receive Working Tax credit?

If you or a partner receive Working Tax Credit regardless of income, you will not qualify for free school meals.

## Free School Meals Helpline - 0300 123 7039

Free School Meals Information –

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/.../schoolmeals.aspx>

The free school meals team can assess your claim over the phone using an eligibility checker to confirm entitlement.