



# HEBER HIGHLIGHTS

May 2026

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**Headteacher Editorial:** Following the Spring Break, we returned in April with a clear sense of purpose. I have been especially impressed by the attitude, resilience and commitment shown by our examination classes as they complete coursework and prepare for these critically important assessments, which are well underway across the school now.

Three years on, I am incredibly pleased that we have returned to face-to-face Parents' Evenings. Your engagement and support at these events continue to be impressive – thank you. This year we also made the decision to return to paper based parental surveys as we had seen a significant decline in returns of the parents' questionnaires completed online over the past two years. I'm pleased that parent response has improved to almost 50%, but still some way off the 75% that we achieved historically. It is important that we capture your views to understand what you feel we do well and what areas you believe we could develop or improve.

From this year's responses you tell us our standout strengths are that you feel your child/ren are safe and happy at Heber and that the school sets high expectations for them to achieve. Areas for improvement identified centre around further clarity about what your child will learn during the year and further support of your child's wider development. These will feature in our planning for the next academic year. We would also like to acknowledge the kind words you have put in your comments when acknowledging a particular member of staff, it is very much appreciated.

I'm delighted to share that Rosa Johnston (10 SFe) has been elected as the Cheshire representative to the **National Youth Parliament**. It's very impressive and somewhat unusual for someone who has only recently become involved in the Cheshire Youth Senate to actually get elected as a Member of the Youth Parliament (MYP) – an amazing achievement. Click [here](#) to read Rosa-May's manifesto.



The Year 13 Leavers' Assembly was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May in the Main School Hall. Ian Bartholomew, actor, musician, director and writer was the special guest who kindly presented students with their Subject and School Awards. This was followed by their traditional Leavers' Ball at Chester Racecourse on the evening of Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.



The Year 11 Celebration Assembly was held on the afternoon of Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the Sports Hall. Again, it was wonderful that so many families were able to attend to celebrate their child's achievements. The presentation of the Progress Files and awards was made by a former student, Graham Roberts (2009 - 2016). We were enormously grateful and honoured that Graham made time to be our special guest.



We also say farewell to all the outgoing School Officers including our Head Prefects: Hannah Davies and Ted Tindle supported brilliantly by the Deputy Head



Prefects: Amelia Bocan and Ciceley Richards. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone at Heber, to thank them for their hard work, support and commitment to their roles in school throughout the past academic year. Their contribution has been truly remarkable.

## Academic Year 2025-2026 (important dates)

### Summer Term 2026

- 01.06.26 **Students return to School (Week B)**
- 01.06.26 Year 9 End of Year Examinations start
- 05.06.26 Year 10 English GCSE Paper 2 (a.m.)
- 08.06.26 Year 7 & 8 End of Year Examinations start
- 09.06.26 ATC Civilian Committee Mtg. (7.15 p.m.)
- 15-17.06.26 Year 10 Mock GCSE Languages Speaking Tests
- 18.06.26 Year 9 Awards Evening (SPH 6 p.m.)
- 19.06.26 New Year 7 Languages/Science Day
- 22.06.26 Activity Week (Year 7-10) & Menai (Year 7)
- 22.06.26 Year 10/Lower Sixth - Work Experience Week
- 03.07.26 Year 11 Prom (Carden Park)
- 07.07.26 Year 7-9 Sports Day (@ Queensway)
- 08.07.26 Arts Celebration Evening (5 - 7 p.m.)
- 08-12.07.26 Year 12 DoE Gold Award Expedition (tbc)
- 09.07.26 ATC BBQ. (7.30 p.m.)
- 14.07.26 Year 6 Intake Day and Evening (SPH 6 p.m.)
- 17.07.26 **End of Summer Term/Year (12.30 p.m. finish)**
- 20.07.26 INSET CPD Day 4 (Staff only)
- 21.07.26 INSET CPD Day 5 (Staff only)

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## Netball Tour Alicante Spain 2026

During the Spring Break 17 students from Year 10 and 12 netball squads went to Alicante in Spain for a 5-day netball tour. It was a fantastic trip combining daily netball training sessions with two matches against local opposition, a trip to a local school, some sightseeing and some rest and relaxation in the sunshine at the hotel!

In the matches we were very successful. Firstly, playing Altea and finally a tough fixture in the hot weather against Rojales.

This is the second time Bishop Heber has done this tour to Spain - it was a great success so hopefully it's one we can repeat again in the future.

**Mrs H Corrigan – Teacher of PE**



## Ski Trip 2026

During the school spring break, 115 students and 14 staff went to Les Deux Alpes in France on the Heber Snow Tour. After a smooth journey and ski fit, the 10 ski and 3 snowboard groups embarked on 5 days of lessons for 5 hours each day. Our advanced and intermediate groups were straight up the mountain to enjoy some fantastic ski conditions with sunny skies, no wind and great snow above 2600m all the way to the top of resort at 3600m. The beginners made great progress all week and gradually worked up the mountain to enjoy lots of long blue slopes. In the evenings students got to enjoy crepes at a local restaurant, play laser quest and experience one of Mr Wilson's legendary quizzes. Thanks to all the students for making the trip such a great success and the teachers who gave up their holiday to accompany them.

Mr R Martin – Teacher of PE



## Year 12 Geography Residential

As part of the A-level Geography course, students are required to take part in four days of fieldwork. The geography department took 47 A-level students on the first two days of fieldwork at the end of March. Students investigated the impact of coastal management in Rhyl and completed transects of sand dunes in Aberffraw and Talacre. The second day of fieldwork involved an urban study of Hoole and Lache. The students had a wonderful time and have now started to work towards their independent investigation in school.

**Mrs O Limbert – Subject Leader of Geography**



### Exam Certificates - check your address is up to date on Arbor

Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form students and parents - please check your postal address is correct for 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 2026.

Parents can check and update the address details we hold for students on Arbor

<https://bishopheber.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>

**Mrs S Dakin-Evans – Data and Timetable Manager**



## Junior Maths Challenge

The Junior Maths Challenge is a national competition held each year for the best mathematicians in years 7 and 8. This year, 20 Year 7's received a bronze award and 17 Year 8's. Only the top 13% of those entering receive silver certificates so the following students did incredibly well to earn silver award; Year 7 – Charlotte Alcock, Ella Chapman, Henry Dodd, Robin Down, Melissa Gilford, Otto Heyes, Phoebe Higazi, Gulliver Rogers-Hart, George Rush, Harry Williamson. Year 8 – Alexander Atkin, Arthur Baker, Alfie Dratwinski, Eve Goggins, Harri Hewitt, Annie Lawrence, Tyler Macrae, Austin Mason, Henry O'Donnell, Ethan Reid, Hattie Russell, George Smith, Joshua Stiles, Oliver Williams-Goodman.

Only the top 7% of entrants nationally manage to achieve the gold certificate so well done to the following for achieving Gold Year 7 - Chloe Fielding, Idris Lumb Year 8 -Oscar Adams, Bethan Salomon, Rose Smith, Ellery Ward.

Congratulations and good luck to Idris Lumb, Chloe Fielding, Oscar Adams, Bethan Salomon and Ellery Ward who are also invited to take part in the junior Kangaroo follow-up round (top 5% of those that enter) on 9th June!

**Mrs J Symes – Teacher of Maths**



## Young Musician of Cheshire

On 7<sup>th</sup> March Rebecca Lewis (10T&W) came third in the KS4 category in Young Musician of Cheshire, organised by the Love Music Trust, playing Carnival of Venice on cornet. A fantastic achievement, well done!



## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze

Over 70 Year 9 Heber students completed their practice expedition over the weekend. Students spent two days learning how to read maps and navigate around the footpaths of the Cheshire countryside. They spent the evening developing campcraft skills to prepare for the assessed expedition taking place this June.

**Mr T Roberts – DoE Coordinator**



## Duke of Edinburgh Gold

20 Heber students embarked upon their Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition in North Wales. Mr Ridley Thomas (Mountain Leader) is pictured giving a first aid debrief following practice scenarios.

**Mr T Roberts – DoE Coordinator**

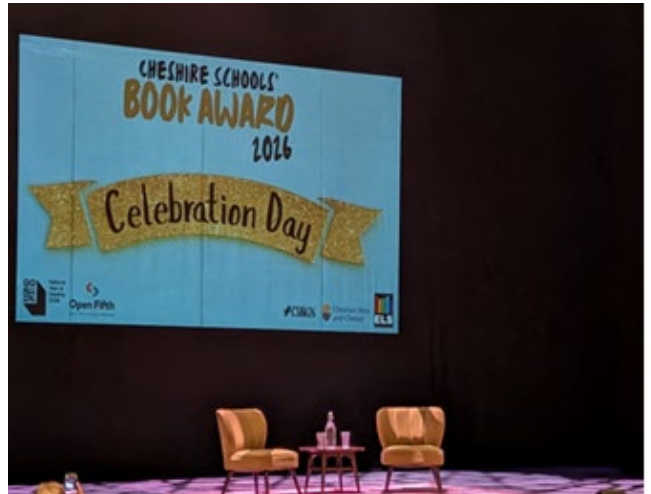


## Navy Camping Trip

On Friday and Saturday 8th-9th May the Royal Navy Combined Cadet Force cadets took part in two field days camping at Bishop Heber High School. On Friday the cadets took part in some exciting Practical Leadership Tasks including an obstacle course and deciphering morse code to put their communication, teamwork and leaderships skills to the test. The cadets learnt to put up tents and camp craft skills.

On Saturday the cadets built large A-frames including pulley systems that could be used on ship to lift large objects such as engines. We have lots of exciting opportunities coming in the 2026-27 academic year including sailing in Southport and a trip to HMS Excellent in Portsmouth. Any student interested in joining Heber Royal Navy Cadets please email Mrs A Blackham at [aognjanovic@heber.org.uk](mailto:aognjanovic@heber.org.uk)

### S/Lt Blackham



## Cheshire Book Awards 2026

On Monday 18th May, Isla-Rae Linforth (7ARu), Ava Patel (7STa), Edie White, and Noah Murphy (7BYo) attended the Cheshire Book Awards at Storyhouse in Chester. The day started with a writer's workshop led by the author Ravena Guron, who complimented Isla-Rae's introduction to a gripping thriller. We then attended two talks by authors Marisa Linton and Louisa Reid, who spoke about what inspired them to start writing, followed by a question-and-answer session.

We were fortunate to have good weather and enjoyed our lunch in the sunshine before getting our books signed by the authors. The final event was the awards ceremony, in which two authors were crowned champions of the Cheshire Book Awards, along with a runner-up. All students had a fantastic time, and a huge thank you goes to ELS (Education Library Service) for organising the event.

If you would like to get involved next year, please contact Miss Codner at [scodner@heber.org.uk](mailto:scodner@heber.org.uk)

**Miss S Codner – School Librarian**



## Going the Distance – A Celebration of Grit, Goals, and Commitment

From pre-dawn training runs and miles logged in freezing rain, to midnight race starts in storms and hard-earned finish lines, our staff continue to demonstrate remarkable resilience, discipline, and determination. Behind every event lies hours of quiet preparation, early mornings, late evenings, and the commitment to keep going when conditions are far from easy. Whether competing, fundraising, or simply taking on new challenges, these stories highlight the strength of character and dedication within our community.

A truly extraordinary series of achievements comes from **Mrs A Lewis**, whose events this year have been anything but ordinary. In November, she took on *Escape from Meriden*, setting off at midnight in Storm Claudia and navigating her own route from the centre of England covering 40 miles on foot before finishing north of Stafford.

In March, she entered the demanding *Fallout* event, planning her own route from Blewbury near Didcot and adapting to changing conditions throughout. Travelling via the Ridgeway and through Swindon, she reached the required distance in 11 hours 20 minutes, covering 46.4 miles in total. She then completed the London Marathon in April 2026, describing it as a hot, busy, and memorable contrast to her solo endurance challenges.



**Mr K Roberts** has continued to perform strongly over the marathon distance, running 2:56 at Chester (October 2025) to secure a Good for Age place at the Chicago Marathon in October 2026. He followed this up with another sub-3 performance at the Manchester Marathon in April 2026 (2:58), underlining both his consistency and quality over the distance. Alongside this, **Ms G Fowles** completed the York Marathon in October 2025, a fantastic achievement over the classic 26.2-mile distance. With Chicago ahead, **Mr K Roberts** is now setting his sights on achieving the qualifying standard for the Boston Marathon in 2027.

In the half marathon ranks, **Mr Cummings** ran 1:34 at the Liverpool Half Marathon (March) and is now aiming to break the 1:30 barrier in Manchester this October—a strong and exciting target. **Mrs A Grieves** has already enjoyed success, completing the Chester 10K in March 2026 and achieving the impressive Triple Crown in 2025 (10K, half marathon, and metric marathon), showing consistency across multiple distances.

Teamwork and resilience were on full display from **Mrs C Barnett**, who completed the SheUltra 50km challenge over Easter 2026. Battling hail, storms, sun, and relentless

hills, her group supported one another throughout while raising an incredible £1,600+ for cancer charities.



Endurance efforts continue closer to home too, with **Ms Clegg** successfully completing the 55km Sandstone Trail in May 2026 on her first attempt, a significant achievement on challenging terrain.

Milestones within the parkrun community remain a key theme. **Mr J Penlington** celebrated his 250th parkrun, reflecting on 8 years of participation across 40 locations throughout the UK and Ireland, highlighting both the physical and mental benefits of regular involvement.

**Mr Curry** has also reached an impressive 90 parkrun finishes, continuing to build towards his next milestone. Meanwhile,

**Miss Windsor** recently completed her 200th parkrun at Alderford Lake, a fantastic marker of consistency and commitment. Alongside this, she has also been building her race performances, completing the Nantwich 10K in March and the Shrewsbury Point-to-Point 10K in May, improving her time by a full minute.



Beyond running, **Mrs C Hamer** has helped lead her netball team, the Tilston Titans, to promotion from Division 3 to Division 2 in the Wrexham and Flintshire Netball League, a fantastic team achievement. Strength and conditioning are also well represented, with **Miss O Fox** competing in ATHX Games and preparing for the Rainhill Trials CrossFit competition in May, showcasing both power and endurance. Looking ahead, **Mrs Hughes** is set to take on the formidable Lake District 3 Lakes Challenge during May Half Term, paddleboarding the full lengths of Windermere, Ullswater, and Coniston in support of Cheshire and Merseyside SARC, an extraordinary test of endurance for a great cause.

These stories remind us that achievement comes in many forms, whether it's competing at a high level, supporting a team, fundraising, or simply pushing personal boundaries. Together, they represent the spirit of perseverance, community, and ambition that defines our staff.

We look forward to seeing where the next challenge leads.

**The Heber Staff**

# Sports

## Rugby

Congratulations to those Heber 1 XV players playing for Whitchurch RFC, who were crowned North Midlands Cup Champions in their final against old rivals Newport RFC.



More club success for our Heber rugby players with Chester Colts winning the Cheshire Cup. Congratulations!



A great day having former Heber students Ben Curry and Thomas Curry visit the school today along with Jos Gilmore, the students had a great time meeting them all. Special thanks to Hampton Vets.



Cheshire Cup Final! Well done to Franklin, Edward, Patrick and Harvey who represented Chester U13s in the Cheshire Cup. After games played across the season, they won their pool to reach the top-tier final, finishing an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 16 teams overall. Brilliant achievement!



## Cricket

The U13 cricket squad at their Cheshire cup game. Great effort but beaten by a strong Cheadle Hulme side.



Congratulations to our new Year 7 cricket team who beat SJT in their game of the season. Many thanks to Whitchurch Cricket for hosting.



## Athletics

A great performance by our Year 9 and Year 10 students at the district athletics. A lot of individuals success and not just the winners. Well done team!



Congratulations to Macsen Baker (9RMA) who played for North Wales Regional squad vs the South Wales Regional Squad at Newton. Winning 6-3.



## Rounders

Four teams from Year 7-10 competed in a friendly rounders game at Tarporley High School. All teams won their games, a great night to start the rounders season!



## Swimming

Congratulations to Noelle O'Hara (8MWa) who recently qualified for an took part in the Welsh Nationals over Easter weekend. In her age group from the 8 events she qualifies for, she achieved 5 medals, 4 bronze, and a silver, the silver was just three 100ths of a second off gold. Amazing achievement.



## Football

Great effort by the U13 and U15 girls in the district football finals. In both finals the girls narrowly lost to Bishops in the U13 and Upton in the U15s.



Congratulations to Jessica Martin (7STa) who recently competed at the West Midlands regional swimming championships. After qualifying in seven events, Jess secured 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 1500m freestyle and narrowly missing out in two more events, coming 4th in the 200Fly and 400IM. A fantastic achievement!



## Hockey

A Great day at Deeside Ramblers Festival for the U14 boys. Great hockey by all who played. Well done!



## Fencing



Well done to Rebecca Lewis (10T&W) on 2<sup>nd</sup> May she represented West Midlands in the U16s Girls Foil at British Youth Fencing Championship in Sheffield. A lot of experience gained and a huge achievement to be proud of.

## Netball

Congratulations to Cadence Winter (8W&W) who after successfully trailing has been selected for both Cheshire County Netball and London Pulse Super league U13 Netball performance hub.



## Cross Country



Congratulations to Lewis Dutton (8BL0) who took gold at the Shropshire County Championships for U16s 1500m track.

## Ice Hockey



Huge Congratulations to Alfie Woods (8CSe) and his Ice Hockey team Deeside Dragons. The U14's team have had an outstanding season being crowned Northwest Champions, North Champions and finishing up as National Champions with a 3-2 win against the South Champions Slough!

## Gymnastics

Another successful day for Maria Antrobus (7BYo) who competed in the British National Age Group Qualifier 1 and earned herself a silver medal.



**Staying Safe @ Heber – May 2026**

At this time of year, as students take their GCSE and A level exams, or prepare for their KS3 S2 assessments, it is natural to feel pressure. There are lots of ways to make dealing with exam stress easier.

Look out for the signs of stress		
Struggling to sleep	Feeling unwell	Getting headaches
Having negative thoughts about the future	Loss of appetite	Not able to enjoy things anymore
Always thinking about your exams or worrying about them		

**What should I do if I am struggling with exam pressure?**

<p><b>TALK</b> to a trusted adult. This could be with any adult in school who you feel comfortable talking to, a doctor or a parent/carer. You could speak to a friend or call Childline 0800 1111 or contact SHOUT by texting 85258.</p>	<p>Take regular <b>BREAKS</b> when revising. For example, revise for 40 minutes and then have a 20 minute break. Use a timer to help you stick to these timings.</p>
<p><b>EAT</b> healthily. Don't skip meals – you need energy for your revision and for sitting the exams.</p>	<p><b>EXERCISE</b> Exercising can clear your mind and give you more energy - you could play sports, go for a run or do some yoga.</p>
<p>Get enough <b>SLEEP</b> Avoid caffeine in the evening and give yourself time to relax after you stop working.</p>	<p><b>Disciplined PHONE USE</b> Make sure you don't get distracted by your phone when you are studying and don't stay up late at night on your phone.</p>
<p><b>DON'T COMPARE</b> yourself to your friends. Competing with your friends can help to keep you motivated, but it can also make you feel like you're not good enough, especially on social media.</p>	
<p><b>CELEBRATE</b> your achievements Try keeping a list of the revision you've done so you can see how much you're achieving.</p>	

**Pre-loved School Uniform**

Available to collect over half term on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2pm-6pm

*Outside of reception*

# INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION



Do you have a passion for technology, creativity, or problem-solving?

We're looking for digital professionals to help out as **Tech Champions** for our 13-16's club.

## What's involved?

- ✓ Facilitate hands-on sessions with young people
- ✓ Share your career insights and real-world know-how
- ✓ Help spark curiosity, confidence, and future opportunities in tech

This is a fantastic way to give back to your local community.  
Work in a larger firm? Why not use your company's volunteering allowance?

By becoming a **BizEd Tech Champion**, you'll play a part in shaping the next generation of innovators whilst also building your own leadership and facilitation skills.



Interested? Get in touch and join our network of industry professionals making a difference.



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# The Digital Tech Club is back!



*Weekly sessions for 13-16 year olds*



**Wednesdays**

4-6pm



**Whitchurch Fire Station**



Meet up with your mates and design, build and explore the skills behind the apps, games and trends you use everyday.



Each week, we'll explore new ideas, creative projects, and digital skills that could inspire you.



Meet professionals who do what you love, as an actual job!

**FREE**

We've run sessions on Green Tech, AI, Gaming, Digital Media, Marketing, Photography and Cyber, shaped by our members' interests. Each session features local employers sharing valuable insights into the digital skills needed for the future job market.

Join now to explore emerging technologies, creative digital projects, and exciting new opportunities in the weeks ahead.



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**To book a place:**

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# **Bishop Heber High School**

**Would like to invite you to join us for our**

## **Arts Celebration Evening**

**Celebrating the hard work and talent of our students from our Art, DT and Performing Arts departments. We will also be displaying artwork created by our local primary schools.**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**5pm-7pm**

**Music and Drama Performances**

**Location: The Maths Yard**

**Display of Artwork from Primary Schools**

**Location: Main School Hall**

**DT Exhibition**

**Location: DT2&4 and Maths Yard by DT**

**Art Exhibition**

**Location: AR1, AR2 and AR3**

**To be visited at your leisure throughout the evening.**

**Refreshments will be sold from DT3 - cash only.**



# THE BISHOP HEBER HIGH SCHOOL

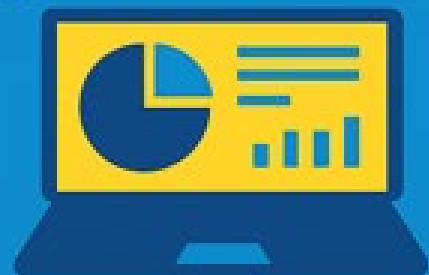


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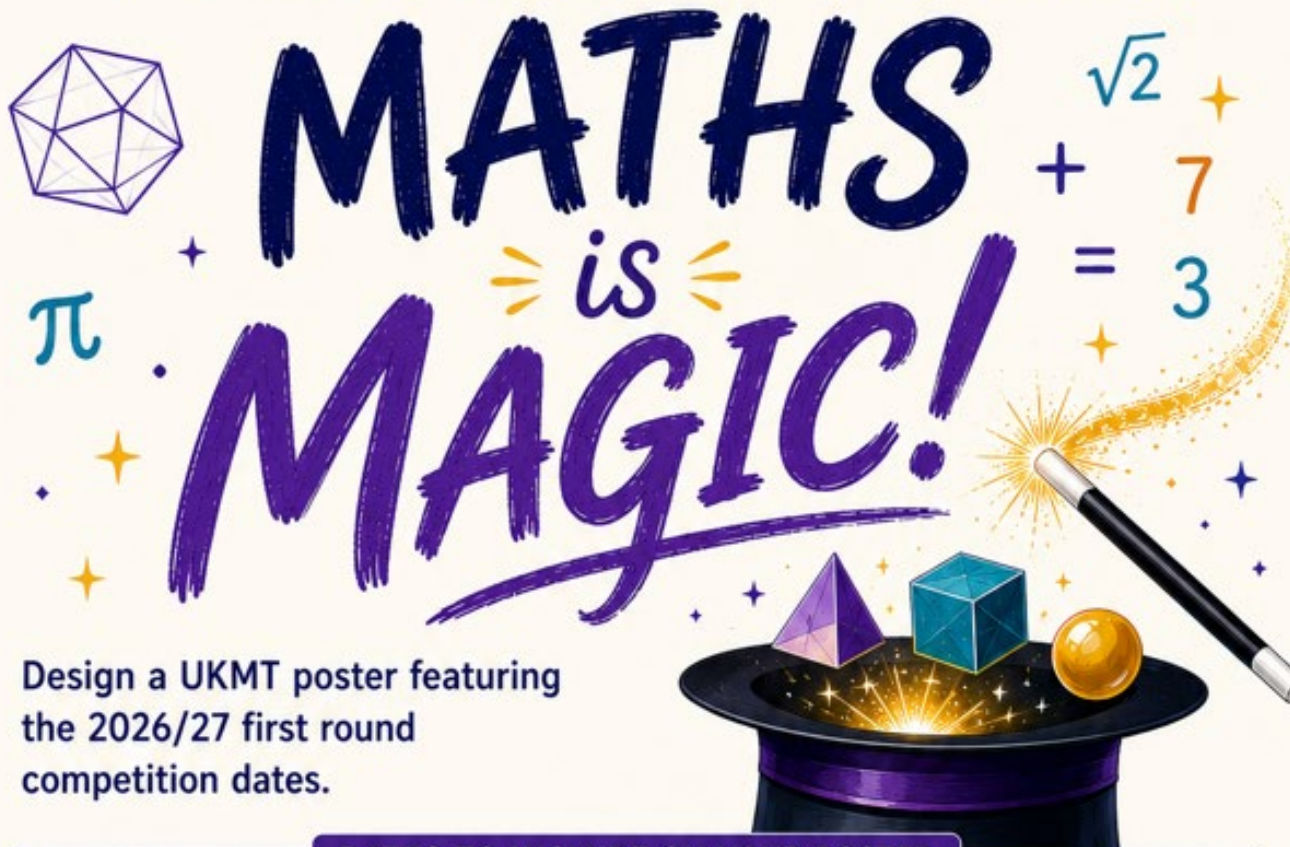


# CONVENTION

AUTUMN TERM 2026



# ★ UKMT POSTER COMPETITION 2026 ★



Design a UKMT poster featuring the 2026/27 first round competition dates.

## DATES TO INCLUDE ON YOUR POSTER

Your poster must include the following 2026/27 first round competition dates:

**JUNIOR  
MATHEMATICAL  
CHALLENGE**

THURSDAY  
1 OCTOBER 2026

**INTERMEDIATE  
MATHEMATICAL  
CHALLENGE**

THURSDAY  
5 FEBRUARY 2027

**SENIOR  
MATHEMATICAL  
CHALLENGE**

THURSDAY  
4 MARCH 2027

**SENIOR  
TEAM  
CHALLENGE**

THURSDAY  
11 MARCH 2027

**PRIMARY  
TEAM  
CHALLENGE**

THURSDAY  
6 MAY 2027



### DESIGN CONDITIONS

- Your poster must be original and your own work.
- Use the theme: *Maths is Magic!*
- Include the 2026/27 first round competition dates (see above).
- Make your poster eye-catching and suitable for all schools.
- A4 portrait or A3 portrait.
- Hand drawn or digital designs are accepted.



### WHO CAN ENTER?

- The competition is open to all UKMT registered schools.
- Entries must be the original work of students.
- You may enter as many different designs as you like.



### WHAT TO INCLUDE

- ✓ The theme: *Maths is Magic!*
- ✓ The 2026/27 first round competition dates (see above)
- ✓ Eye-catching and suitable for all schools



### AMAZING PRIZES FOR THE WINNING SCHOOL!

**50**

FREE ENTRIES  
into a first round  
competition of  
your choice



GOODIE BAG  
OF UKMT MERCH  
for the winning  
students!



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES TO MRS SYMES IN MA5  
= BY 30TH JUNE =

★ *Let your creativity shine – show the world that Maths is Magic!* ★



# Heber leisure

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Heber Leisure offers great facilities for all the family and sporting groups at an affordable price, come and take a look for yourself.

### Facilities Include:

- ✓ Air Conditioned Fitness Suite
- ✓ 6 Court Sports Hall
- ✓ Floodlit Astro Pitch
- ✓ Outdoor Hard Courts
- ✓ Fitness Classes

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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:

Calculator - Casio fx-85GTCW Scientific (Solar Powered) £10.50

Calculator - Casio fx-991CW Scientific (Solar Powered) £20.00

Gum Shield £2.50

Core four pencil case - £4.00

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, but they could also be entitled to a substantial reduction in the cost of some educational visits and after School activities?

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/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

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