



Headteacher's Editorial:

A year ago, on Monday, 23rd March 2020, the Prime Minister instructed us to stay at home as we entered our very first national lockdown. A year later, it is remarkable what we have achieved together, particularly in terms of our remote learning which is significantly more comprehensive than it was a year ago. I want to thank my colleagues and parents especially for your continued support – collectively it has made all the difference and the students have clearly benefited.

I have said it before... but I remain impressed by the resilience our students have shown daily throughout this time. Their commitment has been epitomised with their engagement in the mass testing programme (see image below) as well as the wearing of face coverings in classrooms. We have had over 95% of students take all three Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests in school on our phased return in March. We have also had 100% compliance in wearing face coverings in lessons.



Heber's Asymptomatic LFD Testing Centre in the Main School Hall. All students will now be provided with self-test kits to complete twice weekly until further notice. It is important that we all continue to carry out the self-tests at home throughout the Spring Break (Monday/Thursday). We will provide each student with another two packs (six tests) on the last day of term on **Thursday 1st April (1.30 p.m.)**.

Four easy stages of a rapid COVID-19 self-test

If your child develops symptoms after school breaks up on Thursday, 1st April up to midnight on Saturday, 3rd April – notify the school on **01948 860571**. You should then take your child for a PCR test and notify the school of the result. Where a test result is required quickly, Public Health advice is to use one of the **walk-in test centres** in Cheshire West and Chester – found at [COVID-19 testing \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk).

In essence, we are only able to support **contact tracing** if a student becomes symptomatic before **midnight on Saturday, 3rd April**. After this time, the NHS Track and Trace teams will support contact tracing with your child.

I would like to take the opportunity within this edition to celebrate one of the many highlights this term ... with 108 UCAS applications successfully completed by the Upper Sixth Formers. I am delighted to share that three students had offers from Cambridge this year: Morgan Tomlins (Engineering), Lauren Baker (Natural Sciences) and Anna Williamson (History).

I am also pleased to share that, in the Lower Sixth, several students have been awarded places on the Cambridge University Corpus Christi Masterclass days due to take place this April: Matilda Walker (Philosophy) Jude Lipson (Chemistry), Charlotte Larkin (Medicine), Aled Gell (Medicine) and Tom Buckley (History and Politics).

Spring Term 2021 [Ⓢ] subject to changes in gov.uk guidance

- 19.04.21 **Students return to School (Week 1)**
- 23.04.21 Non-Uniform Day (Friends of Heber)
- 18.05.21 ATC Civilian Committee Mtg. (7.15 p.m.)
- 19.05.21 GCSE/A-level Art / D+T Exhibition [Ⓢ] (5-7 p.m.)
- 22-23.05.21 Year 9 DoE Bronze Award Training Expedition
- 24.05.21 Year 7 End of Year Examinations start
- 27.05.21 Year 11 Celebration Assembly [Ⓢ] (tbc)
- 28.05.21 Upper Sixth Leavers Assembly [Ⓢ] (tbc)
- 28.05.21 Year 11/13 Assessments End ^{**}
- 28.05.21 Close for Half-term (3.30 p.m.)
- 31.05.21 **Half Term**
- 07.06.21 **Students return to School (Week 1)**
- 07.06.21 Year 9 End of Year Examinations start
- 09.06.21 Lower Sixth HE Parents' Mtg [Ⓢ]. (MSH 6 p.m.)
- 10.06.21 Lower Sixth Parents' Evening [Ⓢ]. (4.15-7.15 p.m.)
- 14.06.21 Year 8 End of Year Examinations start
- 16.06.21 Year 9 GCSE Parents' Evening [Ⓢ] (SPH 6 p.m.)
- 17.06.21 New Year 7 Languages/Science Day [Ⓢ]
- 18.06.21 Year 11 Prom (Carden Park) [Ⓢ]
- 21.06.21 Lower Sixth End of Year Examinations start
- 23-25.06.21 Year 10 Mock GCSE Languages Speaking Tests
- 24.06.21 PSHCE Day [Ⓢ]
- 28.06.21 Activity Week (Year 7-10)
- 28.06.21 Year 10/Lower Sixth - Work Experience Week [Ⓢ]
- 30.06.21 Year 7 – 10 Sports Day (Queensway Stadium) [Ⓢ]
- 02.07.21 Sixth Form Ball (tbc) [Ⓢ]
- 06.07.21 Sixth Form UCAS/Careers Day [Ⓢ]
- 06.07.21 ATC BBQ [Ⓢ] 7 p.m.
- 08.07.21 KS3 Sports Award Evening [Ⓢ] (SPH 6 p.m.)
- 13.07.21 Year 6 Intake Day and Evening [Ⓢ] (SPH 6 p.m.)
- 14.07.21 Arts Celebration Evening [Ⓢ] (5 - 7 p.m.)
- 16.07.21 **End of Summer Term/Year (12.25 p.m. finish)**

Please visit our website for further information.

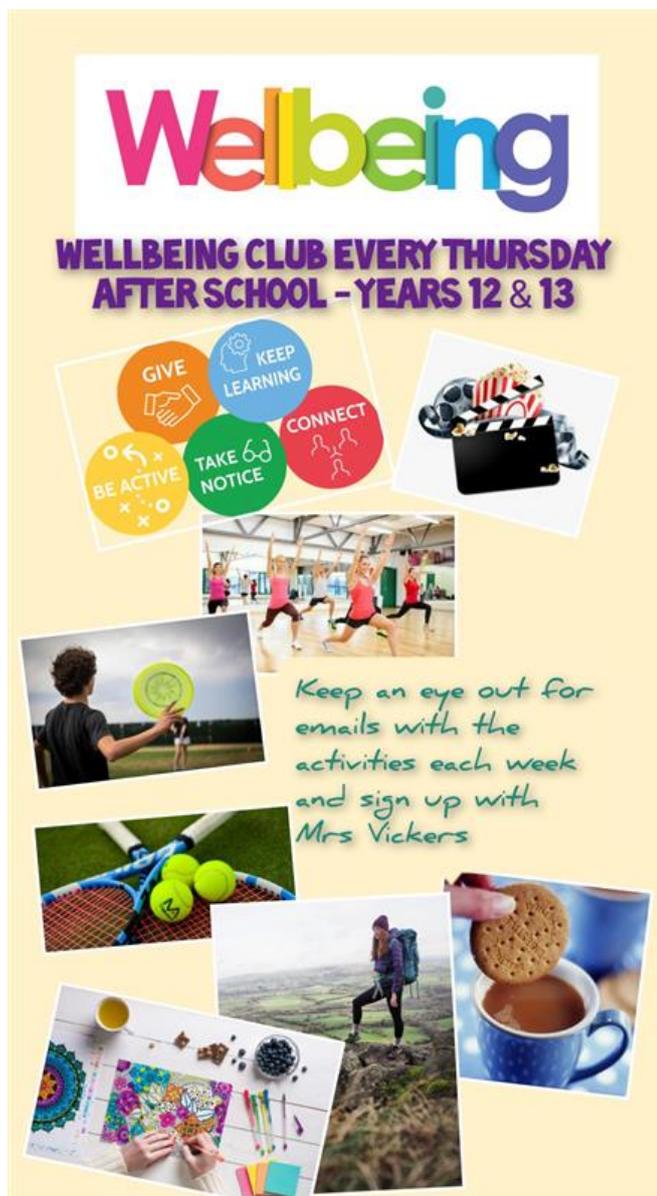


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^{**} Year 11/13 Assessment Schedule ([click here](#))

Clubs

Wellbeing Club



Wellbeing Club commenced this term for Sixth Form students. It is an initiative to encourage greater participation in 'wellbeing' activities and the club is running on a Thursday after School.



A range of activities have been planned for the term ahead that encourage students to take time for themselves, relax, and to take a break from their busy A-level schedules.

The club started with a film and popcorn, while other planned activities include tennis, mindfulness activities, baking/pizza making, fitness class, frisbee, a local hike, circus skills and a BBQ to look forward to...

All of the activities have been requested by students and we're hopeful they will enjoy the opportunity to take part in activities that allow them to relax and connect again with their peers, something they have certainly missed out on in the past year!

Mrs A Vickers

BookBuzz relaunches!

After a period of virtual BookBuzzing, we have been able to return to the printed form and distribute this term's books to Key Stage 3 students.



Students were eager to find out what books they would be reading and have been positive about the choices for this half term.

The books chosen are part of the nationwide BookBuzz campaign which aims to encourage reading for pleasure in schools and is facilitated by the charity, BookTrust.

- Year 7 students are currently reading either 'Home Ground' by Alan Gibbons or 'Talking to Alaska' by Anna Woltz.
- Year 8: 'Some Places More Than Others' by Renee Watson or 'The Haven' by Simon Lelic.
- Year 9: 'Check Mates' by Stewart Foster or 'The Crossover' by Kwame Alexander.



To find out more about the authors and books, you can watch the [BookBuzz film 2020/21](#) on YouTube.

Easter activities and book recommendations are being added to BookBuzz on Microsoft Teams – Year 7 and 8, don't forget to log on and join in!

Mrs K Moreland

Success & Achievement

Sixth Form Updates

Our Year 13 students have received competitive university offers for an impressive range of undergraduate courses, including;

- Mathematics at the University of Leeds – Natalie Windsor (13C&H)
- Physics with International Experience at the University of Bristol – Lucy Bourne (13CWs)
- Politics at Bangor University – Rhys Blanchard (13GFo)
- Architectural Engineering at Loughborough University – Joshua Hartill (13G&V)

Congratulations also go to our aspiring Medical students who hold offers to study Medicine as well as Biomedical Sciences – Georgia Hancock (13KBe), Elliot Preece (13C&H), Darcy Gabriel (13KRo), Madeline Sugden (13KBe) and Ben Hennessey (13C&H).

Preparing for their next steps, Lower Sixth enjoyed the virtual 'What Next?' careers fair on Friday 19th March, attending presentations from a raft of multinational companies including JP Morgan, Mercedes Benz as well the Armed Services, the NHS and many universities, to support them in their post-18 pathways.

Congratulations to the winners of the MasterChef Challenge. The following students received a £10 voucher for creating the best dish for under £5 during Enrichment from Upper Sixth: Millie Richards (13GFo), Georgia Hancock (13KBe), Bradley Barker (13C&H), Sonny Woolrich (13KRo), Hannah Bowler (13G&V) and Maria Pedro (13CWs). The Lower Sixth winners included: Luke Roberts (12MPa), Solly Ford (12SFe), Lily Edwards (12JSt), Alisha Payton (12DBo), Gemma Booth (12DHe) and Malo Warner-Smith (12AWH).

Our Head Prefects have worked hard to raise awareness about mental health, planning and delivering two mental health PSHCE sessions this term and are currently recording a third session with input from the wider student body.

Thanks go to Anna Williamson (13CWs), Jacob McMullan (13C&H), Harry Griffiths (13GFo) and Maddie Sugden (13KBe) for their excellent effort and for coordinating this project during lockdown!

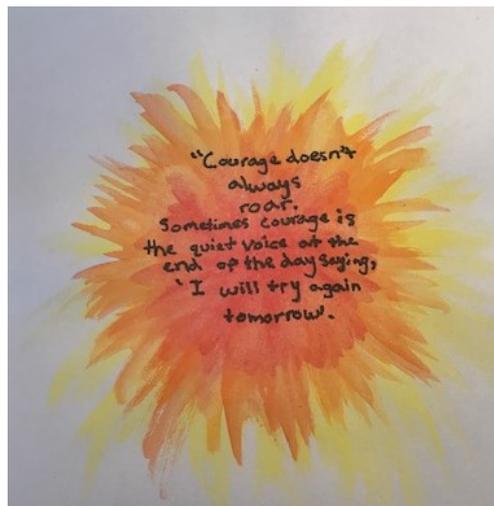
Mrs R Abbotson

Inside Out Day

In February, during Children's Mental Health Week, Inside Out Day partnered with the mental health charity Beyond to create the UK's first ever mental health and wellbeing festival for primary and secondary schools. The Now and Beyond Festival on Inside Out Day aimed to support better mental health in our schools.

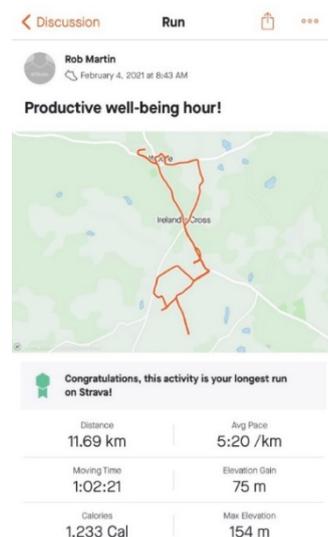


Year 7 & 8 students were encouraged to wear an item of clothing inside out to raise awareness and support the day.



The idea was to get people to STOP and THINK - how someone looks on the outside does not necessarily represent how they feel on the inside. We set the students the task to create something to reflect on the themes presented in the Inside Out Day PSHCE session.

They were encouraged to write a short story, a poem or design a poster or bake something and decorate accordingly - anything really that would get people to think about how other people might be feeling.



The idea was to get away from a screen and enjoy sometime thinking about their mental health. Pictured are a selection of the creative ideas that they came up with...including Mr Martin.

Mrs L Robinson

Published Authors

In October 2020, Abby Mayers (13G&V) and Melody Lumb (13G&V) entered an international short story writing competition run by an independent publishing company based in Chester called *Odd Voice Out*.



“Throughout October, we worked on our four-thousand-word piece called ‘Crimson Constellations’ having to work socially distanced and under time constraints.

We are both avid readers and enjoyed writing together. We wanted to explore the lasting effects of COVID-19 in a dystopian setting, doing this from the perspective of 17-year-old Mable who is living in a small coastal village in order to protect her vulnerable younger brother.



We have not taken part in anything like this before, but we easily found a rhythm for writing and creating the world and its characters.”

Crimson Constellations finished in the top ten stories in the *Teens of Tomorrow* contest and will be published in an anthology with the other shortlisted authors later in the year. Congratulations to Abby and Mel!

To be one of the first people to get a copy of the *Teens of Tomorrow* anthology, please visit;

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/teensoftomorrow/teens-of-tomorrow-an-anthology-of-future-focused-yastories>

Miss L Kinsella

CyberFirst Girls Competition

The CyberFirst Girls Competition provides a fun but challenging environment to inspire the next generation of young women to consider a career in cyber security.



Whatever your ability, from beginner to expert, the competition is an opportunity to learn something new about cyber security.

The competition is a team event, with each one made up of four female students from Year 8 in England and Wales.

Zoe Fenwick (8RLe), Beth Bryant (8RLe), Georgina Richardson (8SJo) and Lola Bickley (8JAs) reached the CyberFirst Competition Semi-Final (remotely), having successfully passed the first round. Congratulations!



1,600 teams entered the competition and only 21 teams got through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, our students did not make it to one of the ten places of the finals. For more information, follow the link below;

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/girls-competition>

Mr R Leong

Bright Future for Year 8



A group of five Year 8 students competed in the science project 'Unilever Bright Futures' in March 2021.

They designed a soap bar that focused on supporting well-being. The students had to work as a team and research areas such as packaging, design, advertising, formulation, cost, and the consumer.

We have to wait a few weeks to find out the results, but they have worked tremendously well and have received lots of praise for their presentation from Unilever. Fingers crossed!



The 'UniHeber team': Austin Morgan-Williams (8BLo), Edward Tindle (8BLo), Joseph Hughes (8BLo), Phoebe Blake (8BLo) and Anna Willis (8BLo), pictured from left to right.

Miss S Jones

Year 7 Form Reps

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students for being voted Class Representative in their first term at Heber. I asked them to write a couple of sentences about what has been their highlight of their first term at high school...

Ursula Archer (7JGI)

Since starting Heber, I have loved every moment. Making new friends here has been the highlight of starting high school and I continue to make more friends from different forms. Another great thing is the lessons. At Heber, the lessons are amazing, and I am always in awe when I learn. I think when I leave, I will know everything about the world!

My favourite subject must be PE because I love being active and love learning new sports and techniques. Another favourite lesson of mine is English because I love writing stories and when I am learning in English it gives me lots of good ideas for stories. But the absolute best thing about high school is having a fresh start and forgetting anything bad about primary and starting all over again.

Matty Willis (7JGI)

I have enjoyed being at Heber. Because of COVID 19 I haven't been able to see my friends but going Heber has let me see my old friends and make some new ones.

Willow Thelwell-Wood (7RMa)

In my first term at Heber, I have made lots of new friends from lots of different schools. It has been exciting and interesting meeting new people and socialising with them at break and lunch.

I have also really enjoyed DT and Art, even though we can't go into the impressive DT rooms. Our inventive DT teacher always manages to think of ways to adapt a practical lesson, so it can be done Covid safely in our classroom. In Design and Technology, we drew, made, and tested paper straw bridges which was great fun and made everyone very competitive!

Isabella Sheard (7RMa)

So far at Heber I have really enjoyed PE. We have done so many different types of sports. I have enjoyed doing all of them. So far, I have done football, netball, athletics and many more. They have all been very enjoyable and I have learnt lots of new things about them all.

Thomas McLachlan (7Sta)

I have really enjoyed school so far, it is quite a challenge when you first start but it becomes much easier as you get used to the routine. I came on my own from primary and have already made quite a few friends. You shouldn't be shy no one is going to laugh at you for making conversation.

Maddison Carrington (7Sta)

I have enjoyed meeting all the great people in my form and I get along very well with all of them. I've also enjoyed all of my lessons. I like all subjects, but my favourites are English, Spanish and History. I'm really enjoying Heber and I cannot wait for all the new opportunities that will come up in the future.

Sam Dilworth (7KCI)

At Heber I have enjoyed Art, English, History, German, and Science because in primary they were my favourite subjects and because the teachers are nice to me - (really the whole class!). Most of all I have loved Physical Education because I love running around and being active. I really like the break times.

At first, I thought the breaks were too short, but I have got very used to the routine and now it feels perfect. I like the lunches because the food is really nice and there is more than enough time to eat and talk to my friends. Overall, I think that I have settled in very well and I am really loving it at the Heber.

Oliver Wilson (7KCI)

My first few months at Bishop Heber have been fantastic. I have made so many new friends which has made the experience of starting high school even more enjoyable.

I love all my subjects and the teachers have been very supportive and reassuring. I have been opened to new experiences and subjects such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and German which I didn't study in primary school. The COVID rules are sensible and easy to follow and make me feel safe.

Our one-way system provides a safe way to get around the school and not mix bubbles. Using Microsoft Teams for our homework has been easy to use and helps me organise my work and communicate with my teachers if I have any questions. There's just the right amount of fun and education at Bishop Heber and I look forward to many happy years ahead. Thank you Heber!

Lily Craddock (7TRo)

I have been enjoying art the most because it shows different techniques in more detail. I have also enjoyed playing hockey and netball in P.E. During these lessons I have had fun learning new skills and being challenged.

I have found Microsoft Teams very convenient for seeing what homework I have been set, it helps me to stay organised. I have loved meeting new people and finding new friends.

Charlotte McCall (7TRo)

I am enjoying all subjects, but I would have to say that my top three favourites are, History, Art and Design and Technology. I love learning about the past and I like drawing and making things I would not have been able to make without the teachers help. Most of all I have

enjoyed getting to know everyone in my form and becoming friends with them. I am really pleased to be selected as Form Representative.

Arabella Andrews (7CHa)

I have really enjoyed DT with Miss Stockley because we have been learning a variety of different things like how to build a bridge, one-point perspective drawings, 3D drawings and different types of tools like coping saw bobbing sander. I am in Band A and all the girls that went to my primary school are in Band B so I have had to make new friends and some of them include Annabel, Macey, Lucy and Amia. I also have really enjoyed P.E. because I love sport especially football, hockey and handball.

Alex Ryan (7CHa)

Since starting Heber, I feel like I've settled in well and made new friends. I enjoy my lessons especially History, Geography, Maths, P.E. and English. My teachers are great and they make learning exciting I feel proud of myself for being nominated Class Representative.

Millie Porter (7C&M)

The things I have loved about Bishop Heber High School is that when I first came to this school, I had no idea where to go and who everyone was but then I started to settle in. Now, everyone here is like a second family to me.

This school has also taught me a lot of things and as I came from a small school I didn't know that many people but then I made new friends who have introduced me to their friends and now I have made a LOT of friends!

George Roberts (7C&M)

Bishop Heber has been really fun so far. The lessons I am most enjoying are PE, Maths, Art and D&T.

They are all really fun and I am so lucky to be able to come to this school.

Kathryn Taylor (7SFo)

I have most enjoyed making new friends at Heber. I was the only person from my primary school coming to Heber and so this was important for me. I have also enjoyed learning new subjects that I had not done in primary school such as Design and Technology and Music. I have enjoyed learning Spanish because it is fun, and it is a new language for me as I did not learn a

language in primary school. Finally, I have really enjoyed art lessons as art is a hobby of mine.

Stanley Burgess (7SFo)

I am really enjoying History, and though our term on the Norman conquest is over, I found it extremely interesting. We have written newspapers, seen videos of the Battle of Hastings and even drawn a comic strip of the Battle of Hastings! The teachers are very kind and helpful and endlessly patient. Everyone else are always friendly and very kind. The teachers are fair and I cannot think of one day at Heber that I have not enjoyed.

Form representatives meet on a termly basis with Mrs Robinson and Mr Ridley to discuss what is going well at school and suggestions for improvement. Form Reps were invited to prepare a short video which was shown across the whole year group during PSHCE.

Voting took place in December to choose the Year 7 Representatives that will sit on the School Council for 2020 -2021. Congratulations to all those who stood for election and especially to Ursula Archer (7JGI) and Oliver Wilson (7KCI) for being selected.

Mrs L Robinson (Head of Year 7)

Office

Parent Questionnaire

Students recently completed the annual student questionnaire, and we are analysing their responses and using the outcomes to inform our future plans.

We as always welcome and value your opinions and have redesigned our Parent Questionnaire. The link is; <https://forms.office.com/r/qiyK5XrQZ>

Please can you complete the questionnaire for each child in School and we will review them on our return after the Spring break.

Miss H Windsor

Local Events

Live Well

Notice from Cheshire West and Chester Council: Please see the [March E-news for Live Well Cheshire West](#). In this e-news you can find:

- Published perceived gaps report.
- Be involved in improving accessibility of Live Well Cheshire West.
- View the new Wellbeing section for Children and Young People.



Covid-19 has caused significant disruption to the traditional D of E activities such as team sports and other volunteering opportunities. However, this hasn't deterred students from working hard on their sections over the last year to complete their award.



Bronze Award

Congratulations to the following students on completing their Bronze D of E Award this year.

Maverick	CURRY	Year 10	Eilidh	MEIKLE	Year 10
Roxie	KINMONT	Year 10	Rowen	BATEMAN	Year 10
Caspar	WALKER	Year 10	Luke	HENNESSY	Year 11
Alexandra	MORGAN	Year 10	Kenza	ROBINSON	Year 11
Megan	NICHOLSON	Year 10	Lucy	MOORE	Year 11
Isaac	STADEN	Year 10	Joe	MATTHIAS	Year 11
Emily	SUTTON	Year 10	Taylor	GAVAN	Year 11
Hannah	FOSTER	Year 10	Kyle	OWEN	Year 12
William	BETTS	Year 10	Charlotte	CURRY	Former Student

Once again this is an outstanding achievement by all, showing a real self-motivation, determination and commitment – congratulations!



Gold Award

Year 12 and 13 students have been working hard to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Awards before leaving the school. The award requires 18 months of dedication and a former student has successfully finished this year. An amazing achievement, well done!

Charlotte Pritchard Former Student

D of E Updates

Year 9 Bronze Make sure you have registered your eDofE account asap. You must have any section approved via eDofE before you can begin. For the Bronze Award one section must last for six months (at least 24 hours, spread over 24 weeks) and two sections for three months (at least 12 hours, spread over 12 weeks). Further guidance is also available on the Awards website: www.dofe.org/sections. During the pandemic usual team sports and volunteering in certain sectors maybe hard to achieve. I recommend keeping your programme local. For example, the physical section could be running, cycling or walking in the local area.

Volunteering could be litter picking in their village or helping a neighbour gardening or walking their dog. Skills could be learning to cook or cycle maintenance and asking a neighbour to be their assessor. A full list of ideas can be found here: <https://www.dofe.org/do/ideas/>

Year 12 Gold Don't forget to plan your sections on eDofE asap so you can work towards completing your award by the end of Year 13.

Mr Roberts

Events

World Book Day – Friday, 4th March 2021

Here at Heber, we fully embraced World Book Day this year – even though our celebrations were online and on screen.

The Masked Reader



Staff eagerly signed up to 'The Masked Reader' competition, giving us all a great opportunity to guess who was behind the mask - and find out what staff have been reading in their free time.

Everyone has been waiting patiently to find out who won, and we can say congratulations to our first place winners;

- Harris Cawley (7KCI)
- Elliot Bosley (8SJo)
- Anna Gibson (9EHo)
- Lydia Simpson (11AJ) for Key Stage 4
- Miss Johnson and Mrs Staden (joint first place in the staff category)

Author Webinar with Struan Murray

In addition, a number of Year 7 students were invited to attend an author webinar, hosted by Puffin Books. 7KCI and 7TRo spent an hour with author Struan Murray and were amazed to discover the process involved in his writing.



Enjoy a reading with Struan Murray here: [Puffin Storytime | Orphans of the Tide | Struan Murray - YouTube](#)

#BookInAJar Competition

Alongside the Masked Reader, another competition was running for the full week - #bookinajar was trending nationally and we were delighted to take part. Can you identify the book in a jar?



Thank you to all our entrants and congratulations to our joint first prize winners – Emily Russell (8JSy) and Finlay McCain (8SJo)!

Creative Year 8

This half term, Year 8 have been putting pen to paper and showing off their creativity. Imaginations have run wild and free to describe an array of settings and characters. Some brilliant examples of work are below;

The pristine landscape was sound asleep, completely deserted after a long day.

Under the moonlit sky sat the bustling city of New York.

The cotton candy clouds hung high above the small town, as the sea tiptoed away, emptying the rockpools.

The mist wraps the buildings in a dark coat.

They stomped through the city with a definite distance between them.

The sun reluctantly fell asleep as the now dominant black clouds took over.

Mrs K Moreland

Red Nose Day – Friday, 19th March 2021



On Friday 19th March 2021, School celebrated Red Nose Day with a Non-Uniform Day that raised £1,127 for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Mrs L Robinson

Sports

Football Debut

Congratulations to Safia Middleton-Patel (11H&J) on her football debut and 3-1 win for the Man United Ladies U21s vs Liverpool Football Club Ladies on the 19th March 2021. Well played!

Mr M Lindley



ready for her new engines to be installed later this year. The cadets enjoyed learning about the weapons systems and platforms on board; many thanks to HMS Dauntless for facilitating our visit.



THIS TIME LAST YEAR...

Trips

Portsmouth

Our second visit to HMS Excellent in February 2020 was a resounding success, our aim was to introduce our cadets to the Royal Navy and life on board a ship, in addition to comparing old and modern warfare and craft.



We visited HMS Victory to learn about Lord Admiral Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar, our tour guide was extremely knowledgeable, informative and professional and was able to tailor the tour to suit the interests of our cadets. In

particular our cadets were fascinated in the origins of the phrases we use every day such as, 'dirty toe rag', 'under the weather', 'cats out the bag', 'going off half cocked', 'up to scratch' and 'three square meals a day'.

We also visited HMS Warrior and noticed the differences in construction and routine orders for operating the ship; it was especially interesting to meet the midshipman and marine of the time who were able to demonstrate the living quarters



and firing procedures encouraging our cadets to take part of life on board.

We were privileged to be received by HMS Dauntless and to be shown around the ship as she nears completion of her refit



Our Area Instructor Taff Urie facilitated our section visit to the Fire Fighting unit and Damage Response Instructor Unit. We were kitted out in the rather fetching safety gear and given the opportunity to use different types of hoses and fight different types of fires.



The cadets particularly enjoyed the use of extinguishers on a simulated chip pan oil fire and the use of the infrared thermal imaging cameras on an engine fire in a compartment where the temperatures reached around 380°C. The most surprising demonstration was the firebox which simulated entry to a compartment on fire and how all personnel are trained to deal with any fire they may come across.

Our next evolution was a tour of the Damage Response Instructor Unit; aptly named Hazard, learning about how to locate holes in the deck, bulkhead and deck head; how to prevent the compartments from flooding and how to shore up these repairs. The hammering in of wedges with 120 psi (or 8/9bar) of water hitting the personnel sounds like quite a character-building experience. We hope to return when cadet participation for wet training is re-established to rise to the challenges set by the Instructors!

To round off the trip we visited Action Stations where our cadets pitted their wits against each other in two separate battles with the winner basking in the pride of being the best shot during our long drive back up to Cheshire.



Our cadets were delighted to stay on board HMS Bristol before she is overhauled and refitted. The cadets were thrown into the deep end, learning how to keep their cabins and personal kit squared away and meeting and socialising with other cadet units who were on courses.



Our unit revelled in the authenticity of staying on board a genuine warship and feeling (for a small time at least) like they were part of something bigger, part of the well-oiled machine that is the British Royal Navy.

Mrs P Cooke

Performing Arts

Heber Footlights

The final public performance given at Heber before we went into lockdown was our annual Performing Arts concert - Heber Footlights on the 10th March 2020.

The evening featured performances from the School orchestra and choir and a range of soloists from Year 7-13. A large and appreciative audience were treated to a range of vocal repertoire from contemporary pop and rock to songs from shows as well as a number of talented instrumentalists, dancers and dramatists.

The accompanying cast list features the performers who took to the stage; all having successfully negotiated a hard fought audition process. Congratulations to all who took part.

Mr S Ferrelly

Cast List

Student(s)	Act
Milly Hale (8SWe)	Song - <i>Part of that World</i>
Zoe Fenwick (7RLe) Molly Pugh (7JAs)	Vocal Duet – <i>Sisters</i>
Lois Williams (9MTa)	Ballet – <i>Ultraviolet</i>
Scarlett Lowe (8TPu) Seren Jones (8SWe) Amelia Davies (8SWe) Izzy Shillabeer (8SWe)	Singing, Dance and Piano – <i>When You Love Someone</i>
Scarlett Lowe (8TPu) Lulu Ralison (8CHe)	Vocal Duet – <i>What Is This Feeling</i>
Shannon Meikle (11H&P)	Song – <i>Hallelujah</i>
Keira Hirst (8EHo) Liliana Wylie (8KLo) Cara Mulligan (8KLo) Caitlin Williams (8KLo)	Physical Theatre – <i>Memories</i>
With Luis Crump (12H&W)	Vocal – <i>Memories</i>
Megan Coward (8SWe)	Song – <i>All I Want</i>
Hannah Grimshaw (12KRo)	Song – <i>She Used To Be Mine</i>

Cast List (con.)

Student(s)	Act
Jess Larkum (12H&W) Olly Hamer (12TRo)	Vocal / Piano / Guitar – <i>Dance Monkey</i>
Melody Lumb (12G&V)	Song – <i>I'm Breaking Down</i>
Thomas Larkum (9TBa)	Drum Solo – <i>Territorial People</i>
Tiggy Sutton (10JPe)	Vocal – <i>Edge of Glory</i>
Isabella Walsh Sinclair (11JSt)	<i>On My Own</i>
Eloise Fenwick (9NSt) Megan Nicholson (9ARu)	Singing & Guitar – <i>All of the Stars</i>
Miles Dougan (10SMc)	Piano – <i>Can't Take That Away From Me</i>
Jess Larkum (12H&W) Thomas Larkum (12H&W) Barnaby Hudson (9TBa) Tristan Weetch (9MTa)	Band – <i>I Found Out</i>
Sam Ashbrook (12GFo) Nick Platt (12GFo) Phil Petrof (12G&V) Josh Dermody (12G&V)	Band – <i>Live Forever</i>
Caitlin Booth (8SWe)	Singing – Vocal Solo – <i>Yours</i>
Lulu Ralison (8CHe)	Singing – <i>Naughty (Matilda)</i>
Cara Mulligan (8KLo) Liliana Wylie (8EHo)	Dance – <i>The Story of Tonight (Hamilton)</i>
Louis Jones (10AJJo)	Drum Kit – <i>One Man Samba</i>
Lydia Simpson (10AJJo)	Saxophone – <i>Lambada</i>
AJ Capewell (12G&V)	Cornet Solo – <i>Tico Tico</i>
Morgan Tomlins (12H&W)	Piano – <i>Arabesque 1</i>
Lucas Humphreys (13KCl)	Own Composition
Genevieve Swain (10AJJo) Morgan Tomlins (12H&W)	Violin & Cello Duet – <i>Howl's Moving Castle Theme</i>
Fran Ball (11CHa)	<i>Cinnamon Girl</i>
Mila McCann (9MTa)	<i>Fight Song</i>
Y7 Dance Group	Own Choreographed piece
Senior Ensemble	<i>One Day More</i> from <i>Les Miserables</i>
KS3 Choir, with solo by Rain Humphreys (9RWWh)	<i>Yellow / Rhythm of Life / You'll Be Back</i>
Orchestra	<i>Rock Around The Clock / Soul Bossa</i>

Success & Achievement

PPE Production

When the UK went into lockdown and the NHS were asked to step up and become the frontline for our fight against Coronavirus we were there to support them.

With reports of shortages of PPE, Bishop Heber High School's Design and Technology department started production of protective visors that we could donate to local doctors' surgeries, hospitals and care homes.



Over the course of the next six weeks we produced over 3000 protective visors and distributed them across the whole of Cheshire.

We have had a huge number of thank you messages from NHS establishments and care homes but I would also like to say a big thank you to the D&T Team for coming in and working hard to produce such a phenomenal amount of PPE.

Miss J Stockley

Young Enterprise

Lockdown did not stop the Year 12 Heber Young Enterprise Team demonstrating entrepreneurial determination and perseverance to complete their entry for the 2020 Company Programme.

Despite the challenges presented, the Heber Team participated in the online Cheshire and Warrington Area Final of the competition on the 22nd April.



Led by CEO Liberty Hawkrige (12GFo) and supported by Tori Lyon (12GFo), Maria Pedro (12CWs), Yasmin Palmer (12GFo), Lauren Harker (12KBe), Ben Mapp (12G&V), Will Shearman (12CWs) and Rhys Roberts (12G&V), the team remotely managed and co-ordinated the production of a company report and accounts, presentation and virtual trade stand for the final, a huge achievement despite the inability to physically get together. On winding up their business in May, the students decided to donate the company's residual capital of £138 to NHS Together.

Mrs G Allen

VE Day Bake Off

Last year, The Royal British Legion called on the nation to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day from our homes and we at the Heber really pulled out all the stops!



On Friday 8th May 2020, despite the lockdown, families and neighbours across our community put on a proud display of red, white and blue to honour the sacrifices of Britain's Second World War generation.



It has been fantastic to see so many of you celebrating in a variety of ways, together with us at School who were proudly flying the flags!



For our VE Day Bake off Competition we had a vast array of entries, ranging from traditional war time bakes to colourful cakes and biscuits. We would like to thank you all for your effort and creativity and hope you enjoyed eating them together with your families!

Mrs C Howden

Sports

U20 Frisbee Championships

In February 2020, we took two teams to the National U20 indoor Ultimate Frisbee championships. The first team had a familiar face back with Andrew Sweetnam back from Bath University.



They made the semi-finals and managed to narrowly lose to the Irish team Gonzaga (not sure how a Dublin based team qualifies for the UK national championships, but we welcome a bit more competition).



Finishing fourth in the country is still quite an achievement. Our second team were seeded in last place (20th) but finished a credible 16th overall. Well done to everyone who played long games both days over the weekend.

Mr K Lowe

Netball

The Year 10 Netball team played their Chester and District Tournament at Kings School in March 2020. The girls were unbeaten and faced Kings School in their final game of a round robin.



Both teams had won all their games and this final game was the decider. They won by only two shots and played their socks off. Well done girls, you made your PE teacher very proud!

The girls are now the U15s Chester and District Netball Champions 2020.

Mrs H Corrigan



Request from the 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.

Money Matters



Secure Online Payments

Did you know that Bishop Heber High School offers a secure online payment system allowing parents to make payments for School meals or School visits fees by credit or debit card?

Tucasi is available at <http://scopay.com/bishopheber> and there is also a link through our School website. Transactions are carried out using the highest security. The system enables parents to pay for cashless catering, School visits and activities at a convenient time without the need to send cash or cheques into School. Parents can log into their own secure pages to see a list of items available to their child and Tucasi even keeps a history of all past payments made. If you need a reminder of you logon details, please email the Finance Office: finance@bishopheber.cheshire.sch.uk

Please note, when making online payments please ensure the "continue" button is clicked to fully complete the transaction. Successful transactions are issued with an email from each of Worldpay and Scopay.

If the "continue" button is not clicked only one email from Worldpay will be received, the bank account will be debited, however the payment will not be sent through to the student's account. If this occurs, please contact the Finance Office to report the issue –

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?

If as parents/guardians/carers you receive one of the following, you may be able to claim for Free School Meals:

- Income support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Free School Meals Helpline - 0300 123 7039

Free School Meals Information -

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/.../school-meals.aspx>

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

Road Safety

It has been noted that some vehicles are using the Sixth Form access gate to drop off students in the mornings.

This has raised Health and Safety concerns:

- Vehicles are entering pedestrian areas to turn round in.
- Vehicles are in excess of the 5mph speed limit.
- Vehicles trying to get out are holding up vehicles trying to get in causing congestion on an already busy road.

To alleviate this problem and to reduce the risk to staff and students, we have decided to make this a staff only access gate from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. and an exit gate from 3.45 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. After this time, it will be open for leisure centre uses only.

Thank you for your cooperation.

HELP AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES



Local support is available such as food provision, including local foodbanks, who are able to help any family in need, not just those receiving free school meals.

The **Cheshire Food Hub** are aware of this funding and any school who would like help can contact them on 01606 254090 or by email: food@cheshirefoodhub.org.uk



Test and Trace payments of £500 can be made when somebody who is working loses pay because they are told to isolate when they have Covid symptoms or they have been in contact with somebody with symptoms and are told to isolate by Test and Trace.

From 8/3/21 parents who are unable to work from home can also apply if their child is required to isolate and they have caring responsibilities. Visit: [Test and Trace](#)



The **Welcome Network** are commissioned by the Council to join up local community food offers.

They have produced an interactive map showing where and how local food can be obtained in each area. For full details, visit: [Interactive map on the Welcome Network website](#)



The **Citizens Advice Bureau** have received £25k from the Winter Grant Scheme fund to cover payments made through their Fuel Bank.

Phone 0808 2787 806 or apply online for any advice by email.

Visit: <https://www.citizensadvicecw.org.uk/forms/advice-by-email>



The **Council Tax Reduction Scheme** provides financial support for people who are on a low income and need help to pay their council tax. There is a discretionary fund alongside the main scheme. Visit: [Council Tax Reduction](#)

The **Discretionary Housing Payment scheme** is available to help people who receive Universal Credit or Housing Benefit where the amount awarded in benefits does not pay their full rent. This scheme can help with the shortfall in some circumstances or can help people on benefits with rent in advance to secure a property. Visit: [DHP](#)

Homeless2Housed is a short term project in 2020/21 to provide support for people who are at risk of losing their home or to secure a property. They can sometimes help with rent arrears and rent in advance. Contact them initially by email on H2H@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk



Holiday Activity and Food provision will be available over the Easter holiday period. Further information can be found on the **Edsential** website: <https://edsential.com/holidayactivityfund2021/>

