HEBER HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher Editorial: The new academic year has begun exceptionally well, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 7 students, sixth formers, and recently appointed members of staff. At this time of year, the publication of national GCSE and A-level outcomes provides an important opportunity to reflect on performance. I am delighted that Heber continues to compare very favourably both locally and nationally, demonstrating the hard work of our students and staff and setting a strong foundation for the year ahead.

As shared earlier in the term, the Ofsted Report is now published online (click here). Whilst the timing of the inspection was much earlier than expected, in a heatwave and with Year 11 and Year 13 not in school we feel that what was written captured and celebrated many of our key strengths at the Heber. As always, we will reflect on the experience as we never compromise on the high standards we set for ourselves and the students to ensure that they thrive and achieve and are the best prepared for their next steps.

For 12 years now we have supported **Jeans for Genes Day** as an annual fundraising event to support gene therapy & research in the UK. This year it took place on Friday, 18th September to align with their national awareness week. Staff and students were encouraged to wear **jeans** and make a donation. Together we raised almost £900 again this year – thank you!

Another longstanding tradition at Heber is the annual **Harvest Assembly** that took place on Thursday, 1st October. For over two decades we have had a close association with Chester Aid for the Homeless (CATH) and this year did not disappoint. Once again, it was great to see the decorated Harvest Boxes donated in the assembly. Rob Whittall (pictured below), CATH CEO, took all this produce to their HQ to distribute through their foodbanks.

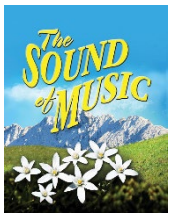


Another one of the Heber's longstanding highlights of the school calendar is **Governors' Day**, a tradition that began almost 20 years ago and was once again held on Thursday, 8th October. With all the Governors in attendance, the day provided a valuable opportunity to gain a comprehensive view of school life. During the morning, Governors visited more than 30 lessons, observed many PSHCE sessions and assemblies, met with Year Councils, and engaged in discussions with staff through a series of focus groups. In the afternoon, attention turned to reviewing priorities and shaping the strategic direction of the school for the year ahead. Throughout these discussions, there was a shared commitment to ensuring that Heber continues to pursue excellence, maintain the highest expectations, and provide every student with the opportunities, support and encouragement needed to flourish both academically and personally.

This year's Upper Sixth students are once again demonstrating high aspirations through applications to competitive university courses and institutions. Last year, 48% of our university applicants secured places at prestigious Russell Group universities, and we continue to enjoy excellent success with Oxbridge admissions. Most notably, Emily Russell secured a place to study Natural Sciences at Cambridge.

Seven students have already submitted early-entry applications, including Ursula Archer and Lottie Ashton for Dentistry, and Beth Bryant for Medicine. We also have four Oxbridge applicants: Theo Hughes and Thomas Williams (Mathematics, Cambridge), Poppy Gilbert (Linguistics, Cambridge), and Emily Williams (Experimental Psychology, Oxford).

Many other Upper Sixth students are now finalising their UCAS applications ahead of our internal deadline of Friday, 18th December. Meanwhile, students on our Employment Readiness Programme are preparing for external CV and interview workshops, with the entire year group taking part in mock interviews in mid-November. We wish all students the very best with their post-18 applications.



Rehearsals for this year's school musical production are in full swing, with over 70 students set to appear on stage, in the orchestra or in technical roles. We are delighted to be presenting (in association with Concord Theatricals), *The Sound of Music*, with songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein based on the book by Lindsay and Crouse. It tells the true story of the Austrian von Trapp family and Maria the new governess to their seven children all set amidst the emergence of the Second World War. Featuring classic songs such as *Climb Ev'ry Mountain, My Favourite Things,* and *Edelweiss* this will evoke memories of the movie or more recent theatrical productions on TV. Be sure to secure your tickets for what is likely to be a sellout. General sale starts at 9 a.m. on Tuesday 3rd November.

Links to our online box office are: (Tue 17th Nov | Wed 18th Nov (here) & Thurs 19th Nov | Fri 20th Nov here).

Furthermore, if you are a local business owner and would like to sponsor our production, please take a look at our invitation letter further in the Newsletter.

Academic Year 2026-2027 (important dates)

02.11.26	***Students return to School (Week B)***
04.11.26	Year 7 Parents' Info. Evening (SPH 6 - 8 p.m.)
05.11.26	PSHCE Day
05.11.26	Remembrance Assembly (SPH 9.10 a.m.)

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Academic Year 2026-2027 (important dates)

12.11.26	Year 13 Parents' Evening (4.15 - 7.15 p.m. SPH)
16.11.26	Odd Socks Day (£1 donation)
17-20.11.26	School Production 'Sound of Music'
23.11.26	Year 11 Mock GCSE Language Speaking Test
26.11.26	Careers Convention 5.30 - 7.30 p.m. (MSH | SPH)
01.12.26	Meet the SENDCo 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
03.12.26	Year 11 Parents' Evening (4.15 -7.15 p.m. SPH)
07.12.26	Year 7 Trip to Chester Zoo
10.12.26	KS3 Christmas Disco (MSH 6 - 8 p.m.)
15.12.26	Carol Concert (St Oswald's, Malpas 7 p.m.)
17.12.26	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
18.12.26	***End of Autumn Term (12.30 p.m. finish)***

Please visit our website for further information.
Follow us on @BishopHeberHS / @Heber_Head or for sports fixture/updates @HeberSport

Senior Maths Challenge

The UKMT Senior Maths Challenge is a national competition for the best mathematicians in Years 12 and 13 with only the top 7% of those entering receiving gold certificates and being invited to the follow-up Senior Kangaroo challenge round.

Notable silver winners were
Felix Cao (13BBu)
Adam Carr (13LSt)
Anna Chapman (13OLi)
Henry Craddock (13LSt)
Theo Hughes (13 OLi)
Tai Prendergast (13LSt)
Ethan Kirk (12RMy)

The following students did incredibly well to win gold certificates and qualify.
In year 12
Alexander Barrington-Crow (12PMu)
Luca Owen (12MPa)

Year 13 – Thomas Williams (13GFo)

Additionally, in September five Sixth Form girls were invited to take part in the Mathematical Competition for Girls, congratulations to Ai Lin Chen (12 J&M), Kayla Khalil (12MPa), Sienna Rafferty (12J&M), Matilda Russell (12KCa) and Jessica Whitley (12G&J) for their participation and special mention to Matilda and Jessica who managed to obtain a certificate of merit in this extremely tough competition!



Year 12 Tourism Trip to the Ice Cream Farm

On the 12th October, our Year 12 Tourism students visited the Ice Cream Farm as part of their investigations into local visitor attractions. Jonathan Fell (of the Ice Cream Farm) delivered an informative presentation to the group about the growth of the business, challenges and future plans. A huge thank you to Mr Fell for giving up his time and allowing us to delve into the secrets behind the success of the attraction.

Mrs A Greeves – Teacher of Geography



Futurechef Competition

On Tuesday 13th of October eight students from Years 9, 10 and 11 entered the first stage of the Futurechef Cooking Competition. They had one-hour to make and present a dish to restaurant standards. The judges were particularly impressed with the standard of entrants with a fine selection of both savoury and sweet dishes. The winners however, with two outstanding dishes were Elle Murphy (10DUp) with her 'Marry me chicken' served with homemade flatbreads and Oliver Jinks (9ASt) with his chicken wrapped in parma ham, served with hasselback potatoes and a homemade salsa verde.

Mrs C Selwood – Teacher of Design Technology









Scholastic Book Fair

In October we had our Scholastic Book Fair, the students were able to browse and buy a selection of books and stationary. From classsics to contemporary titles, thrillers to fantasy there was something for everyone. We ran a whole school compeition in the run up to the fair in which students had to submit a book review higlighting the following:
The books genre
Their favourite part of the story
The rating out of 5 stars
Whether they would recommend the book and why?
The most engaging, creative and original reviews won a share of £25 of book vouchers. Congratulations to
Olivia Dixon (7EVa)
Faye Gedrim (8KLa)
April O'Hara (7ABl)
Beatrice Wiseman (7ODi)
Aoife Gornall (7EVa)
Archie Bailey (7ODi)

It was a great introduction to the new Year 7's to see how important reading is to everyone at Heber. I hope everyone enjoys their books in half term.

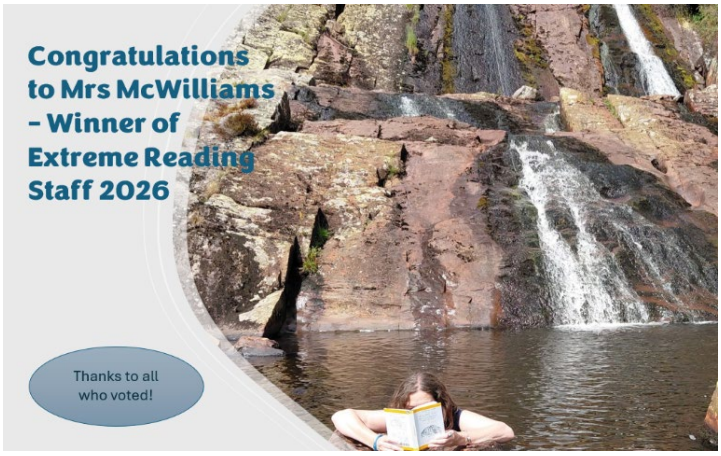
Miss S Codner – School Librarian



Extreme Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Niamh Hirst (8KLa), Ella Chapman (8H&W), Mia Davies (8KLa), Amelie Jennings (8H&W), Eliza Cooper (8KLa) and Flynn Tuohy (8CHa), this year's winner of the Extreme Reading Competition 2026. The students were challenged to take a photo of themselves reading somwhere extreme! Congratulations! We hope everyone had fun extreme reading this summer.





Cheshire Book Quiz



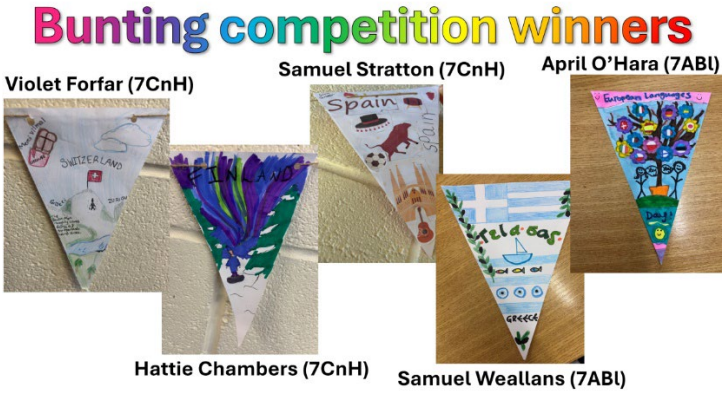
We're looking for Year 7 students to take part in the Cheshire Book Quiz! The quiz is designed by librarians to foster an interest in, and enthusiasm for reading in pupils in Year 7, and to focus attention on the school library and its role in developing literacy and reading promotion.

Participants will read a selection of fantastic books and complete 4 electronic quizzes from November through to March. The final two teams will battle it off to be crowned the winners and hold the engraved cup for one year. If you'd like to get involved, please see Miss Codner.

European Day of Languages

As part of European Day of Languages celebrations in the Languages department, Year 7s were asked to design a European Day of Languages-inspired piece of bunting to celebrate languages across Europe and the world. We received so many beautiful entries displaying designs based on different countries' flags, food, sports and landscape. The following students were chosen as the winners for their interesting , eye-catching designs. Keep a look out for more creative competitions happening in the Languages dept.

Mrs E Hopps – Teacher of Languages



Year 7's first term

Year 7 have made a great start to life at Heber and have fully embraced everything secondary school has to offer. They have impressed us helping at Open Evening and raising money for Jeans for Genes Day and the Heber Charities. They have represented the school in sporting events and matches, and turned up for practices and training whatever the weather. As a year group, we've elected form representatives and year representatives and these young leaders have already met with and impressed our governors. Almost 100 students attended our musical theatre taster event and we can't wait to see some of them in the chorus of The Sound of Music.

Next half term is one set to be full of excitement and adventure too - with trips to Chester Zoo and Liverpool to look forward too as well as plenty of festive fun. Well done Year 7 - keep on embracing Heber Life!

Mrs C Barnett – Assistant Headteacher







Year 8 Rivers Trip

The annual Year 8 Rivers trip took place during the last week of the half term. Year 8 form groups spent either a morning or afternoon at the Iscoyd Brook in Higher Wych learning field work techniques, sketching and gathering data for their Autumn term assessment. We would like to thank Mr Bourne for his continued support in allowing us to use his field for the Year 8 River project.

Mrs O Limbert – Head of Geography









Movember

This year, Bishop Heber staff are asking you to support Movember with a kind donation. For Family, friends, or close ones, it's a time to come together and remember those we've loved and lost. Grandfathers, Dads & Sons through the years, and those male students who look to Heber staff for leadership and support. Scan the QR code to donate now!

Bishop Heber Careers Convention

We are currently planning our biennial Careers Convention at Bishop Heber High School on the 26th November. This is a fantastic evening where the halls fill with alumni, employers, universities and colleges, allowing parents and students to explore and be inspired by the many career pathways available to them. The event starts at 5:30p until 7.30pm.

Our last careers convention took place in November 2024 and it was a huge success. If you are interested in getting involved, please email us at careers@heber.org.uk

We would particularly love to hear from creative sectors who are often unrepresented at these events (beauty, fashion, drama)

Mr M Parsons – I/C OOHL

617 (Heber) Squadron Cadets Take to the Skies!

Eight cadets from 617 Squadron, recently had the fantastic opportunity to experience flying as part of their cadet journey.

Flying is one of the many exciting opportunities available through the RAF Air Cadets, allowing young people to develop their confidence, teamwork and aviation knowledge while experiencing something truly memorable.

At 617 Squadron, based in Malpas, we are passionate about helping young people develop new skills, build friendships and challenge themselves through a wide range of activities and experiences.

Interested in finding out more? If you would like to learn more about the opportunities available to young people through 617 Squadron, please contact Officer Commanding, Fg Off Calvin Lord-Latham, at oc.617@rafac.mod.gov.uk

Fg Off Lord Latham













From Bronze to Buckingham Palace: My Gold DofE Journey



Pictured: Jessica Wilde completing her assessed expedition in the Outer Hebrides.

Completing the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award this past July was the culmination of a journey that began years ago with my bronze and silver awards. After months of anticipation, I officially received my confirmation email in September, marking one of the proudest achievements of my school life so far.

While the ultimate reward will be celebrating our hard work at Buckingham Palace during the upcoming awards day, the true value of Gold DofE was the unforgettable journey getting there.

The Highs and the Lows

An expedition like this is a true test of character, full of moments I will never forget:

- **The Highs:** Laughing with my closest friends around the campfire, cooking hot meals together after a gruelling day, and being treated to a traditional Scottish performance in the Outer Hebrides.
- **The Lows:** Navigating completely unfamiliar terrain, pushing through unpredictable weather conditions, and learning how to keep the team motivated when everyone was exhausted.

Skills for Life

Overcoming these challenges taught me the true meaning of resilience and teamwork. Balancing my sections from volunteering with the Beavers to shooting hoops with Boughton Bells and practicing for my Grade 6 singing which required dedication and time management.

I haven't just walked away with three incredible certificates; I am leaving with transferable skills for my future career and a lifetime of memories. If you are thinking about starting your own DofE journey I would encourage you to take the leap. The views, the friendships, and the sense of achievement are worth every single step!

Year 9 Bronze Award Takes Off

The Bronze scheme officially launched during the final week of this half term with a well-attended presentation evening for parents. We are delighted to announce that 118 students have signed up to begin their Bronze DofE journey. It was fantastic to see so many families eager to support their children as they take on this rewarding challenge.

🏆 Going for Gold in Year 12

Our senior students are also leading by example. 25 Year 12 students have committed to the Gold DofE scheme, the highest tier of the award. This requires a significant dedication to volunteering, physical activity, and skill development.

🥾 Destination: The Isle of Man!

We have a spectacular update for our Gold participants. This year, we will be running the Gold expedition in the Isle of Man during Activity Week. This stunning location will provide our students with a challenging terrain and an unforgettable backdrop as they put their navigation and teamwork skills to the test.
Thank you to all the parents, guardians, and staff who attended the launch and continue to support our students. We wish all 143 participants the very best of luck as they begin their sections!

Mr T Roberts - Duke of Edinburgh Manager

Malpas Scouts and Explorers

I wanted to share with school the huge achievement of Henry Craddock (13LSt) and George Roberts (11RWh) who are both young leaders with 1st Malpas Scouts and Explorers with Garrison Explorer scouts. George and Henry competed in the Cheshire Hike, walking 60km, visiting every checkpoint and demonstrating excellent skills for life, they won overall for Chester District. Congratulations both! An incredible achievement.





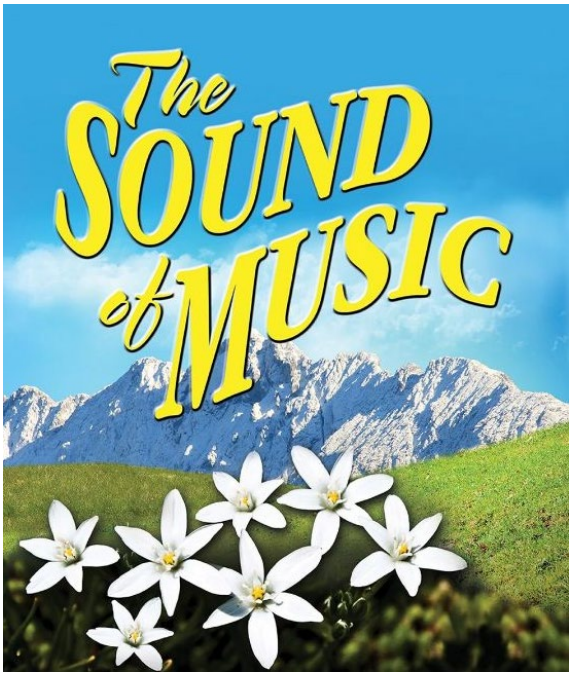
Sound of Music

The Sound of Music cast have been phenomenal and have worked tirelessly in rehearsals. Not only did they work incredibly hard, but they also looked stylish doing so in their new cast hoodies! We can't wait for you to come and watch our production which will take to the stage from the 17th of November to the 20th November.

Tickets go on sale after half term. (See front page)













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Music, like language, is a fundamental part of human existence and of the societies in which we live.
The opportunity to learn to play an instrument enables children to participate in an activity which many will find to be one of the most formative experiences they have as they grow up, developing an interest and a skill which opens up so many possibilities now and in later life.
A bonus is that involvement in music has been shown to have a positive effect on other aspects of development - social skills, language, physical coordination and emotional development.



Why choose Music for Life?

Music for Life offers children something special. We work in partnership with over 100 music tutors who visit 130 schools teaching 4,000 children each week from complete beginners to some of the most accomplished young musicans in the UK. Two national independent reviews of school music services rated Music for Life an "outstanding effective service" offering parents and schools "outstanding value". We have also recently been awarded not-for-profit organisation of the year, where particular mention was given to the quality of work undertaken in schools for all activities under the Music for Life banner.
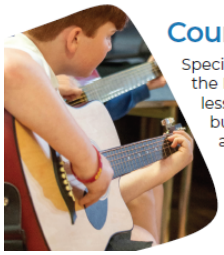


Instrumental lessons during the school day

Instrumental lessons take place during the school day, convenient for parents and meaning students become part of a wider community of young musicians in school, avoiding the isolation that can be felt when learning at home. Thousands of students take part in our extra curricular activities - workshop days, concerts and ensembles, with many taking exams. All tutors are DBS checked, and to work with Music for Life, tutors must be first class musicians and are required to meet professional performance standards.

Instruments offered

Lessons may be available on guitar, piano, keyboard and violin (usually suitable for Year 2 or above) cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute, cornet, trombone, trumpet and euphonium (usually suitable for Year 4 or above) bass guitar, drums and singing.
If we are unable to provide lessons on your first choice, we will contact you with the possibility of offering lessons on a second choice if you specify one.



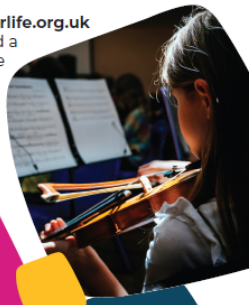


Course Fees

Specialist teaching of a musical instrument falls outside the National Curriculum, so there is a charge for lessons. This varies as some schools provide a subsidy, but up to date details of course fees for your school appear on our booking form. Music for Life offers the facility to set up a monthly subscription which makes paying for music lessons so much easier. Support with fees may be available, so please get in touch with your school for details if you are in receipt of Income Support.

Book Lessons

Lessons can be booked online at **www.musicforlife.org.uk** where you will find much more information and a simple online booking form where you can make payment in full or set up a monthly subscription via our secure booking portal. **Alternatively, please email admin@musicforlife.org.uk and we will get back to you.**



"A big 'THANK YOU!' to Music for Life for the wonderful service and great teaching for quite a number of years!"

"May I take this opportunity to say how very happy and impressed we are with the level of care and motivational input given to young musicians by ALL of your staff"

"We have been extremely pleased with the service you have provided over the past 9 years. Your admin has been excellent and you have always been helpful and polite."

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Deadlines for course bookings are as follows:

31st July
to start in September

20th October
to start after October half term

21st December to start in January

30th January
to start after February half term

31st March to start after Easter

Rugby

Four Rugby teams in action in our away fixture against Abraham Darbu Rugby with wins for Year 7, draws for Year 8 and Year 9 while Year 10 narrowly lost their game in probably the best performance they have ever had! Also, five boys also making their debut for the Year 9 team. Great to see these boys make their contributions.











First game and first win of the season for our 1st XV who beat Oswestry School in the 1st round of the National Vase. The score was 19-15 with tries from Joe K, Ollie K and Alfie B. On to the next round!



Another year 11 debut in the 1st XV today in their convincing victory over Newcastle Under-Lyme School with Josh also scoring his first try for the team!



Two wins out of two for our first Saturday rugby fixture of the new season. Congratulations to our Year 8 team who beat Caldy 8-1 and Year 7 team who won 8-3. For our Year 7s this was their first outing as a squad and they made a really strong statement for the year ahead.





Congratulations to our 1st XV who beat Altringham Grammar in their 1st round of the Cheshire Cup 53-21. Also a massive well done to Year 11 student George Roberts (11RWh) who made his senior debut today and came inches away from his first try.





Football

Congratulations to Thomas Quinlan (7GLe) on re-signing for Chester FC Academy U12s as their goalkeeper for this season.



A great start for the Year 7 football team with a 4-2 win in the first round of the National Cup away vs Liverpool College. Scorers - Oscar, Ellis, Arthur & Otto, PoM - Ross for an outstanding defensive performance.



Well done to the five Heber Year 10 boys Teddy, Fin, Aaron, Macsen & Bailey who were involved for Chester schoolboys in the thrilling 4-4 draw with Trafford in the Cheshire Cup.



Great effort by the Year 8 B squad at the district 7 aside finishing third overall.





Fantastic performance by Year 10 in the National Cup vs St Frances of Assisi from Anfield. In a very physical game, they came out worthy winners 4-0. Scorers - Baker (2) Burrell, Z Norman. PoM - F Hay

Great to see the Heber representation for the Chester Schoolboys U15 squad and an excellent performance and win.





Good performance from the U14 girls in a narrow loss to Great Sankey High School.

Great effort by the year 7 B team at the District 7-aside tournament finishing third overall. Winning two, drawing two and losing two.





Well done to the Year 11 football team who warmed up for our Holland tour beating QPH in the C+D cup with goals from Finch, McEwan, Langley, Warbrick-Brown and Owen.



Well done to the U13 girls winning 3-2 in the National Cup. Scorers Popescu (2) Haskell. PoM Rogers.



Netball

First Netball games of the year this week. U18 losing narrowly and U16 winning in a great set of games with Merchant Taylor's.





Chester and District Netball Champions. An exciting District tournament for Year 11 another successful year at King's retaining the title of District Champions for the second year! Well done girls!



Third place at the U19s Chester and District netball tournament at King's, some great netball, well-done girls!



Well done U16s a win in the second round of the Sister in Sports National Shield Competition. A strong performance against Weatherhead heading into round 3!





Congratulations to Cadence Winter (9W&W). After successfully trialling for several Netball Super League club pathways in September, Cadence has accepted a place in the AO Manchester Thunder U14 Yellow Squad.

Golf

Congratulations to Zach Davies (12J&M) who went away to Lincoln to compete in the final of the U18s Midland Championship, with Zach and his team winning the event.



Tennis

Congratulations to the U15 boys tennis team - Rhys, Finley, Toby & Oscar - Cheshire champions!



Cross Country

Congratulations to Lewis Dutton (10BLo) who has been successfully selected for the Midlands Triathlon Academy. He attended Loughborough University on Saturday for a 200m freestyle swim, where he knocked 8 seconds off his pb from 2.27 to 2:19 and ran a 1500m at 4:35. He was then selected to go through to the second day at Leicester Cycle Circuit for bike time trials and transition trials. This follows his selection to represent the West Midlands in the Inter-Regional Championships in August as well as coming second overall in the West Midlands 2026 Tri Star 3 rankings for the season.



Hockey

Great pair of U14 hockey games with Queens. Losing one and winning one showing some great play in the process.



Well done to U14 boys in Tier 2 Cheshire Cup 3-3 draw against Wilmslow.



Gymnastics

Congratulations to Maria Antrobus (8BYo) who competed at the British Gymnastics Trampoline Youth Finals this weekend.

She won Bronze and had the highest difficulty in that category. She now goes to represent England in Portugal.



Congratulations to Maria Antrobus (8BYo) representing England in the Under 13s Trampoline at the Lóule Cup in Portugal.

Out of 102 girls from 16 countries Maria got a Bronze Medal for England. An amazing achievement!



Swimming

Rapha swims for Whitchurch Wasps - the club has recently reformed after closing during Covid. It was the club championships, Rapha's 2nd official timed swim race event. He clocked the following 4 PBs across breaststroke distances, individual medley and freestyle. Two golds in 50m breaststroke and 200m breaststroke, one silver in 100m breaststroke and 5 county qualifying times. See below for the incredible timings below if that helps shine a light on this fantastic achievement!



STAYING SAFE @ HEBER OCTOBER 2026

Anti-Bullying Week 2026: BREAK THE SILENCE

We're proud to be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week 2026, which runs from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November 2026. This year's theme is *'Break the Silence'* and the campaign aims to encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together.



What bullying can look like – repeated and persistent:

Teasing and name calling
Excluding of others
Spreading rumours
Threatening behaviour
Online bullying

Odd Socks Day - Monday 16th November. We are inviting our students wearing odd socks with their uniform to celebrate individuality and show that everyone belongs.



What to Do If You Experience or Witness Bullying

- **Tell a trusted adult – for example your Form Tutor.**
- **Report bullying via our Staying Safe reporting form on the School Website Staying Safe @ Heber.**
- **Support others if you see bullying happening. Do not join in, laugh, or share harmful messages.**
- **Block and report users responsible for cyberbullying on social media, gaming platforms or messaging apps.**

At Bishop Heber, everyone has the right to feel safe, valued and respected.
Break the Silence.



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October 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Bishop Heber High School is a highly successful 11–18 co-educational rural comprehensive school in Malpas, Cheshire. We are proud to have a thriving Performing Arts department, which produces an annual musical of exceptional quality every November. In recent years, our talented students have performed *Les Misérables*, *Joseph*, *Oliver!* *We Will Rock You* and *Grease*.

These productions have become a much-anticipated highlight in our school and local community calendar, attracting full audiences every night. Each year, more than 70 students take to the stage, and with four consecutive sell-out performances, the energy and excitement are remarkable. This year's production, *The Sound of Music*, will run from 17th – 20th November 2026.

To continue building on this success, we are seeking support from local businesses to help us grow further and strengthen our links with the wider community. We would be delighted if your company would consider sponsoring our production. Sponsorship can be made through a contribution of £80 or £120, which will directly support professional print programmes and technical production costs.

In recognition of your generosity, we will offer the following benefits:

- A professionally printed advertisement in our production programme (½ page – £80, full page – £120), distributed to 220 audience members each night across four performances.
- Prominent display of your company logo in the Performing Arts area of the school, which sees high footfall during numerous open events.
- Your logo featured in the foyer during "show week," visible to all audience members as they gather before performances.
- Acknowledgment of your sponsorship in social media posts from both the official Bishop Heber High School channel and the Bishop Heber Performing Arts Instagram page.
- Recognition in the school newsletter, which is distributed by email to all parents every half term.

If you would like to support our school production or would like further details about sponsorship, please do not hesitate to contact me at **amcculloch@heber.org.uk**.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support our students and celebrate the arts within our community.
Tickets will be available through our online box office from 4th November, and we hope to welcome you to one of our performances.

Yours faithfully,

Amy McCulloch
Teacher of Music

Bishop Heber High School

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OPEN TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS
YEARS 9–13 WELCOME

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Bishop Heber High School
Prêt d'accomplir



Bolesworth · Tattenhall, England
Saturday, October 24 • 6 PM - 9 PM

Overview

Glow crazy and light up the night as you complete a 5k or 2.5k sponsored run, jog, or walk around the grounds of Bolesworth Castle!

Event Description:

Join the Bolesworth Dark Run – Light Up the Night for Hope House Children's Hospices!

Get ready for a magical evening at the stunning Bolesworth Castle as we light up the night for a truly special cause. The sponsored **Dark Run** is a family-friendly event in support of **Hope House Children's Hospices**, offering a fun and unique 5K route (or 2.5K for little legs) through the beautiful castle grounds – all after dark!

Our warmup will begin at 6.10pm and at 6.30pm sharp we will start the run!

Every participant (excluding under 3's) will receive a **bespoke glow-in-the-dark medal** and a **goody bag** to remember the night. Dress up in your brightest, most glowing outfits (optional but encouraged!) and help us bring light and hope to local families who need it most.

Each runner is asked to raise vital sponsorship to help children with life-threatening conditions near you.



Heber leisure

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Gym Memberships to suit you, no contract!

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

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- 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 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?

Your child will be able to get FSM if you receive any of the following:

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit – however see below details

From the start of the 2026/27 school year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal. However, there will be 2 categories of Universal Credit based FSM :

- Targeted FSM: which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- Expanded FSM: a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings above £7,400.

From September 2026, other education entitlements linked to FSM (such as the Holiday Activities and Food programme, and School Travel Assistance) will be based upon those who meet the Targeted FSM criteria. Those who fall into the expanded FSM group will be entitled to meals only.

Under the new criteria, your FSM eligibility will be checked annually and the result will be valid for the full academic year.

If you receive Universal Credit and do not currently qualify for FSM due to earning over the threshold of £7,400, but would now qualify from September 2026, you can now apply in advance.

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

How to Claim

- **Free school meals | Cheshire West and Chester Council**
- Telephone: 0300 123 7021