HEBER HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher Editorial: The new academic year has started off very well indeed and the first half-term has set the standard for the rest of the school year. The new Year 7 and Lower Sixth have impressed their teachers with their enthusiasm and commitment to their studies at Heber. Similarly, those students returning in other year groups have also made excellent starts.

Charity: **Jeans** for **Genes** Day is our annual fundraising event and took place on Friday 16th September. Staff and students were encouraged to wear **jeans** and make a donation. Together we raised over £1,001 for gene therapy & research.

The annual **Year 7 Music Day returned** supported by Music for Life on Thursday, 29th September, was another fabulous celebration. For the evening's performance there was little room to move in the Main School Hall. Having spent the day in workshops practising their set pieces, over 90 of our new Year 7 students entertained the audience with their musical talents.

The annual **Governors' Day** was on Thursday, 13th October. The governors visited over 30 lessons and met with student focus groups throughout the school. In the afternoon their focus was on setting the 2022-2023 strategic direction for the School. The School continues to set itself the highest of expectations and its ambition for itself and the students will never be compromised so that every student at Heber can be the best they can be in and outside the classroom.



The **Harvest Assembly** was also on Thursday, 13th October and was outstanding. Chester Aid for the Homeless (CATH) was once again overwhelmed with the sheer number of decorated Harvest Boxes donated at the assembly. The CEO of CATH (Rob Whittall) took all this produce back to HQ to distribute through their foodbanks and networks to support the homeless in our locality.

Many of our Upper Sixth students are once again aiming high and applying for highly competitive university courses and institutions. Bishop Heber Sixth Formers have an excellent record of securing places at the most highly respected 'Russell Group' universities, including at the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge.



This year, seven students have submitted 'early entry' applications to Oxbridge for courses including Geography (Alanah Green), Biology (Sofia Woodfine), Medicine (Bertie Cowell and Jeremy Shorthose), Chemistry (Luke Pearse), Natural Sciences (Georgina Jones) and Engineering (Chris Gray). A further five students have sent off their applications for Medicine or Dentistry at other institutions (Ciaran Evans Charlie Klass, Kenza Robinson, Oliver Turner and Eadie Williams). Many other Upper Sixth students are now working hard to finalise their UCAS university applications with an internal deadline to submit these by Thursday, 15th December. 30 members of the year group have recently enjoyed an informative talk and workshop about Higher and Degree Level Apprenticeships and will receive further support and guidance on non-university pathways and applications during our upcoming PSHCE Day on Thursday, 3rd November.

School Musical Productions are back! The show will go on and we are delighted to return to the stage with Heber's own production of *'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'*. Rehearsals have been underway from September and our cast and crew cannot wait to welcome you to our performances from Tuesday, 22nd November to Friday, 25th November. Tickets are due to go on sale from Friday, 4th November - please check the school's website for the link to the electronic box office after half term.

Finally, we have two long serving members of staff leaving this half term:

Mrs G Davies (1998 - 2022) joined Heber 24 years ago, initially as the school's Receptionist and Administrator and progressed quickly to Office Manager in 2005. Over the decades that Mrs Davies has worked at the school she has witnessed a great many changes and has seen the support staff at the school grow form a select few to almost 90 today. Throughout that time Mrs Davies' own three children have attended the school and she leaves us now to enjoy her well-deserved retirement. She has a great deal to be proud as both a parent and a well-respected colleague who will be missed enormously. Notwithstanding, on behalf of all the Governors, staff and students, past and present, we wish Mrs Davies all the very best in her retirement.

Dr. D Harris (2007 - 2022) joined Heber over 15 years ago at Subject Leader of ICT. Prior to joining us, Dr. Harris worked in senior roles as a geologist in New Zealand and Australia (1993 – 1998) before becoming a consultant in software support and development in the oil industry in Australia (1998- 2003). Dr Harris started his teaching career in 2003 at The Kings School (Grantham) and progressed to Assistant Head of Business Studies and OCT Faculty (KS5 Co-ordinator) in 200, at Tollbar BEC before joining us at Heber in 2007. Dr Harris has presided over a great deal of change in that time introducing ECDL in KS3 and Computer Science at both GCSE and A-level – all with great success. We wish Dr Harris all the best in his new part-time role at Coleg Cambrian and we look forward to more novels being published shortly.

Academic Year 2022-2023 (important dates overleaf)

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31.10.22	***Students return to School (Week 2)***
31.10.22	Year 12/13 Maths and English GCSE resits
03.11.22	PSHCE Day
04.11.22	Friends of Heber Curry & Quiz (MSH 7 p.m.)
08.11.22	Year 10 GCSE English Mock Examinations
08.11.22	Careers Convention (5 - 7.30 p.m. MSH & SPH)
10.11.22	Remembrance Assembly (SPH 9.10 a.m.)
10.11.22	Upper Sixth Parents' Eve (4.15 - 7.15 p.m. remote)
17.11.22	Year 11 Parents' Evening (4.15 -7.15 p.m. remote)
22-25.11.22	School Production 'Joseph'
28.11.22	**School Closed** - Occasional Day
29.11.22	Year 11 Mock GCSE Language Speaking Test
01.12.22	Year 7 Parents' Info. Evening (SPH 6 - 8 p.m.)
08-09.12.22	Sixth Form Revue (tbc)
13.12.22	Carol Concert (St Oswald's, Malpas 7 p.m.)
15.12.22	Christmas Lunch
15.12.22	KS3 Christmas Disco (MSH 7 - 9 p.m.)
16.12.22	***End of Autumn Term (12.30 p.m. finish)***

Spring Term 2023

03.01.23	***Students return to School (Week 1)***

Please visit our website for further information.

Follow us on @BishopHeberHS / @Heber_Head or for sports fixture/updates @HeberSport

Year 7 Music Day

As the Headteacher has stated earlier on Thursday, 29th September, over 90 of our Year 7 students took part in Music Day. This year saw the return of this event, and it proved to be one of the best ever, with students experiencing workshops in singing, samba and band skills.



Following a day of rehearsals the students performed an evening concert for family, friends and teachers in school.



It never ceases to amaze us how students can start the day not knowing what they will be playing or singing and by the evening they are performing in a concert!



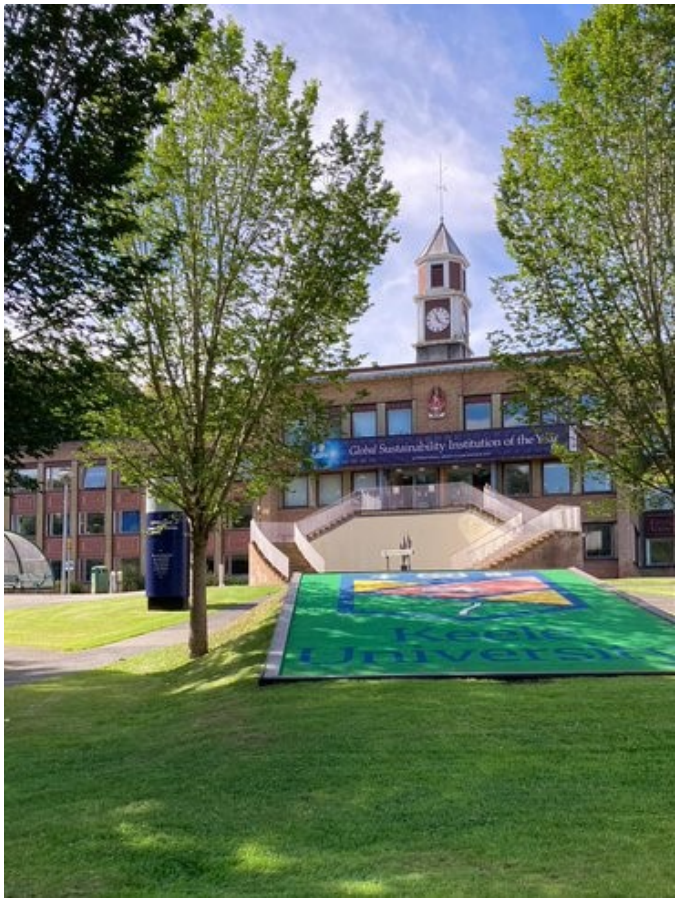
Thanks to our colleagues from Music for Life for directing the workshops and performing with the students in the concert.



If you would like your child to receive tuition in school from Music for Life, please see the information in the accompanying poster.

Mr S Ferrelly, Head of Performing Arts

Year 13 Keele University Experience



As part of their post 18 pathways exploration, 80 Year 13 students visited Keele University at the start of the academic year. They were welcomed by a fantastic team of student ambassadors, who provided a great student insight to university life, as well as a guided tour of the campus.



A specialist session on 'psychology research methods' gave students a taste of an undergraduate style lecture and the finance team provided a reassuring overview of student finance, loans and budgeting. The visit was also appreciated by Mr Penlington, who, as Keele Alumni, very much enjoyed the trip down memory lane.

Mr C Johnson, Deputy Director of Sixth Form

Bishop Heber Royal Navy Cadets

In September, 18 Cadets from Bishop Heber CCF spent an action-packed weekend at 'Waterside Lodge' Southport Marina.



Expert instruction was provided through the Royal Navy and Mr Ridley Thomas to develop their sailing skills. Students were kept busy in the evening with table tennis, pool and an organised visit to the bowling alley.



When the wind picked up on Sunday, cadets transferred to six seat canoes to compete in a race around the marina island.



More visits are planned in the Spring term with the intention of students gaining their basic sailing qualification. If a student is interested in joining the unit, please see Mr T Roberts.

Mr T Roberts

History Art Project

A lucky group of Year 9 students have worked with artist, Sara-Jane Harper.



They created and painted ceramic tiles which will come together to make a large, beautiful mosaic.



This collaborative piece of art will be placed on a Heber wall in the future for all to see! A really enjoyable project for all!

Miss S Liddell, Teacher of History

History Museum Club

History Museum Club welcomed Mr Simon Allen on Monday, 17th October, where he showcased his amazing historical items from World War Two including uniform, rifles a gas mask and many other items.



Students from Year 7, 8 and 9 enjoyed the session and so did several History teachers!



History Museum club is on every Monday at 1.30p.m. in Hi3 - bring your lunch or get a lunch pass from Miss Liddell!

Miss S Liddell, Teacher of History

Heber Library

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 30th September, Heber Library participated in the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning event. The occasion brought our school together with staff and students collectively donating cakes to be sold on the day. Mr Doran's homemade ginger buns proved to be a hit at the cake-sale and Mr Curry was clocked three times succumbing to the flapjacks – a sweet treat he is famously partial to at the Heber.



With a total of £98.50 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support, Heber Library would like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff and students who contributed to the event's success. The funds raised will make a valuable difference to the charity's vital work in supporting those affected by cancer.

Sport

Football

Many thanks to the following companies and parents for their kind sponsorship of the Yr 11 and Yr 8 football teams. HPI energy and Mr Tomlinson (Year 11) and Village Beatz and Mr Gunning (Year 8).



If any other parents/companies would be interested in sponsoring any of the school teams then please get in touch with Mr Lindley (mlindley@heber.org.uk).



Mr M Lindley, Subject Leader of P.E.

Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who competed in the West Cheshire Athletics Cross Country Series –



Harriet Beattie (7KCl), Beth Manson (8DUp), Emilia Pyper (8RKy) and Eleanor Wheeler (8AOg). Fantastic achievements by all!

Miss E Smith, Teacher of P.E.

Equestrian



Congratulations to Ellen Butler, (10RLe), Poppy Greenhough (11ACu), Immi Ward (12NSt), Jake Stockton (8OJo), Immi Ward (12NSt) who won the team and took the major placing individually to qualify for the National Finals at the end of October.

Mrs H Corrigan

Year Leader – Head of Year 8

Parkgate Charity Bike Ride

Harry Bird (10RMy) took part in a charity bike ride from Parkgate on the Wirral to the Lakes in memory of his uncle who passed away in June after a two year battle with brain cancer.



Rudi Suckley (9GLe) and ex Heber student Justin Bird joined him. They have raised over £7,500 for The Brain Tumour Charity. Donations are still welcome on the family's Just Giving page.

Justin Bird is fundraising for The Brain Tumour Charity (justgiving.com)

Mr M Lindley, Subject Leader of P.E.

Finance

You can now donate to the Enrichment support fund via Scopay.

The following items are available to purchase online via Scopay:

Casio Scientific Calculator fx-83GTX £8.00

Casio Classwiz Scientific Calculator fx-83GTX £20.00

8GB USB Memory Stick £5.00

Gum Shield £2.50

If you wish to purchase any of these items please do so via Scopay and they will then be available for your child to collect from the Finance Office.

If you have not yet signed up for Scopay and you need the information on how to do this please email **finance@heber.org.uk** 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.

BISHOP HEBER HIGH SCHOOL

Careers Convention

Tuesday 8th November 2022

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



- An A-Z of career options
- Talk to people in jobs of interest to you
- Collect information on entry qualifications
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