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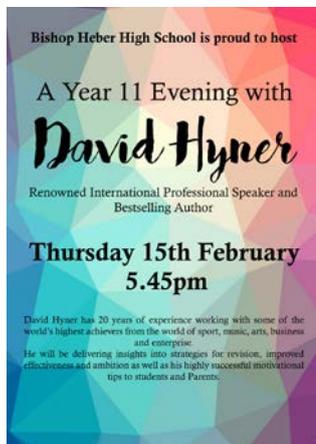
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Headteacher's Editorial:

We have started 2018 with great promise and I am pleased how well the students are responding to the support offered by my colleagues – especially Year 11 and the Upper Sixth ahead of their important mock examinations. In terms of the school budget, it has been mixed fortunes. Whilst we have not had the cuts feared this time last year we are still the third poorest funded high school in CWaC with the two schools below us (Tarpurley and Christleton) receiving £3 per student less than us in 2018/19. That said, we are hopeful that the school will receive the deminimus funding of £4,800 per student in next year's 2019/2020 budget which will be a significant increase allowing us to invest further in the school and the students going forward.

With the New Year comes a new school website. We hope you like it but would welcome your feedback at websitefeedback@bishopheber.cheshire.sch.uk. If you provide any feedback please include what device and browser you are using. We are aware that we have not migrated all the content over but would welcome your views on its functionality and if there is anything missing from your perspective so we can improve it.



Historically, the Year 11 Learning Conference has happened in March each year. We have moved it earlier this year to follow their mock exams ahead of the half-term break. We have also invited a keynote speaker - David Hyner to talk to parents and students about the power of goal setting at this crucial time ahead of their final preparations for their GCSE exams in May.

I can confirm that the 2018 Spring Term **Non-uniform Day** in aid of Sport Relief is Friday, 23rd March. Donations of £1 per person will allow the School to make a contribution of over £1,000.



Academic Year 2017-18 (important dates)

Spring Term 2018

- 26.02.18 INSET CPD (Day 3) Staff only
- 27.02.18 **Students return to School (Week 1)**
- 27.02.18 ATC Civilian Mtg (Conf Room 7.15 - 8.30 p.m.)
- 28.02.18 Year 10 GCSE Mock Examinations start
- 01.03.18 Year 11 Parents' Eve (SPH 4.15 - 7.15 p.m.)
- 06.03.18 Friends of Heber Mtg. (Conf Room 6.30 p.m.)
- 06.03.18 Performing Arts Concert (MSH 7- 9 p.m.)
- 22.03.18 Lower Sixth Parents' Eve (SPH 4.15 - 7.15 p.m.)
- 23.03.18 Non-uniform Day (Sport Relief)
- 28.03.18 Year 10 Parents' Eve (SPH 4.15 - 7.15 p.m.)
- 29.03.18 **End of Spring Term (12.25 p.m. finish)**

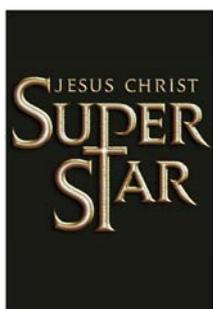
Summer Term 2018

- 16.04.18 **Students return to School (Week 2)**
- 24.04.18 Year 7 Menai Trip - Parents' Mtg. (SPH 7 p.m.)
- 27.04.18 Non-uniform Day (Friends of Heber)
- 01.05.18 Friends of Heber Mtg. (Conf Room 6.30 p.m.)
- 07.05.18 May Day (School closed)
- 14.05.18 GCSE/A-level external exams begin
- 24.05.18 Upper Sixth Leavers' Assembly (MSH 6 p.m.)
- 25.05.18 Year 11 Celebration Assembly (SPH 1 p.m.)
- 25.05.18 Year 11 Exam Preparation Period
- 25.05.18 Upper Sixth Study Leave
- 25.05.18 Upper Sixth Leavers' Ball (Chester Racecourse)
- 25.05.18 **Half Term**

Tutors promoted and supported Safer Internet Day @BishopHeberHS on Thursday 8th February during



PSHCE lessons. The internet and social media have such a powerful influence on our lives and such capacity for good. However, it has the potential when used wrongly to cause great upset and harm to young people's lives. Thankfully, that is rare at Heber. However, I would be grateful for your continued support to ensure everyone is Happy@Heber and ask you to take a few minutes to look at the information, advice and guidance on www.saferinternetday.org.uk.



Following the resounding success of Les Misérables in Autumn 2017, I'm pleased to announce that the Heber's next whole school production will be Jesus Christ Superstar. We are particularly pleased to have been granted a licence by Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group, as this year sees an exciting revival of this classic rock opera starring John Legend as Jesus, to be broadcast by NBC on Easter Sunday.

Please visit our website for further information.



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

Trips

GCSE Drama Residential Weekend 2018

On Friday the 26th January, eleven, excited and enthusiastic, Year 10 GCSE Drama students had the opportunity to attend a residential weekend at the Conway Centre in Menai, experiencing a range of Performing Arts workshops led by professional Theatre practitioners.

Students participated in four intensive three hour workshops learning skills and techniques in Voice and Script Work, Puppetry, Movement, Physical Theatre and Devising Drama. They all had a fantastic experience, and returned to school with a wealth of new drama knowledge and skills.



Mrs Cawley (Head of Drama)



History & Politics London Trip



The sixth form History and Politics students went to London. There was a tour of Parliament, along with a walk around key landmarks such as Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, the Cenotaph, Downing Street, Parliament Square, Buckingham Palace and Marble Arch. The trip was an excellent opportunity for the students to take a rare opportunity to walk the corridors of power at Westminster. Eager eyed students caught a glimpse of some MPs like Jacob Rees-Mogg coming out of PMQs, whilst others were more excited bumping into Liverpool player Mohammed Salah at Euston Station on the way home!



Mr Penlington (Joint Head of History)

Design and Technology Projects



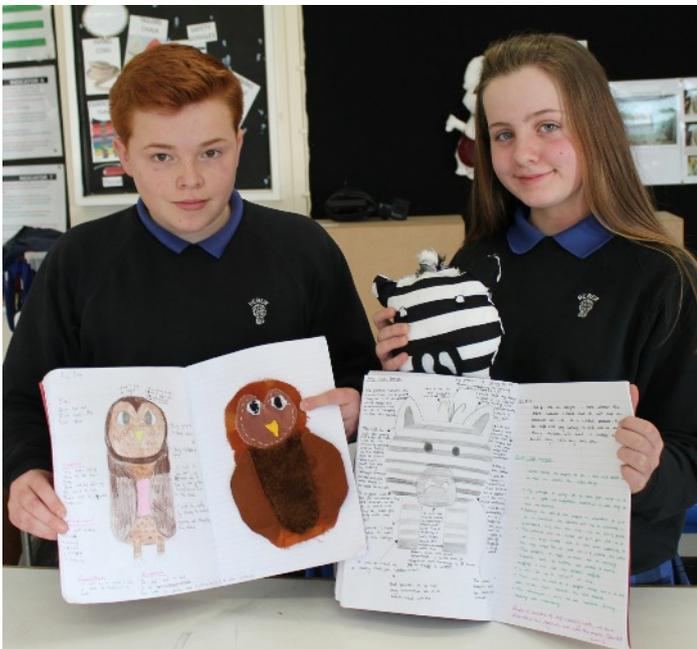
Design and Technology students at Bishop Heber High School are working on various aspects of the curriculum.

In their introduction to D & T, Year 7 cover basic skills in wood, metal and plastics, making a trinket box, pewter cast key-ring and mobile phone stand. They learn the basics of nutrition and health and safety in the kitchen and design and make an Indian cushion using skills such as tie dye, felting, block printing and embroidery.



In Years 10 and 11 exam related projects are completed such as designing and making MPS speakers, history based storage and children's toys. In Food Technology students complete a Master Chef type challenge, producing three dishes under exam conditions within a three hour timescale.

At present, Upper Sixth students are working on furniture inspired by a field trip to Liverpool with Lower Sixth students developing skills in the workshop to address problem solving with projects such as developing a product for the disabled.



Throughout Years 8 and 9 they continue to develop their skills, making Pugglie Teddies, designing and making Monster Beanies and a product to attract wildlife to the garden. Programming of the Sphero robots is covered which they are then able to use when designing products. They learn about food nutrition and cook dishes such as Thai Green Curry and Carbonara.



Success and Achievement

Year 7 French Spelling Bee

Many Year 7 students have been taking part in Stage Two of the Foreign Language Spelling Bee this half term. The students have been spending their free time learning 100 French words which they have had to spell, in the French alphabet, against the clock. The three students with the highest score have now gone through to Stage Three of the competition and will represent Heber at the Regional Final in Manchester after Easter. Special mention is due to Emily Robinson (7BDo) and Megan Bickley (7SAI), who narrowly missed out on a place in the Regional Final, having been knocked out in a tie-break. Congratulations to Eilidh Meikle (7SAI), Jessica Hennessey (7PnU) and Angus Doyle who have won a place in the Regional Final and will be competing against students from across the north west of England.

Miss Wilson

Business Entrepreneur

Year 10 entrepreneur Josh Turner (10BLo) is putting his business studies learning into practice. Josh has successfully started up his own clothing brand UNCOMMONIST, selling a range of clothing products. Josh is using a variety of social media platforms to conduct market research to garner which colourways his followers would like to see. Once Josh has had the apparel made, he then markets the product drop to maximise interest. Josh is reinvesting his profits into developing the UNCOMMONIST website with ecommerce capability. To keep up to date with Josh's latest designs and plans, you can follow @uncommonist on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Upper Sixth Form Students Receive University Offers

Sixth Form students from Bishop Heber High School have been congratulated for their hard work and determination after receiving offers for highly competitive courses at a range of universities.

These include: Elizabeth Edwards (13TRo) to study Business Management; George Ratcliffe (13KCI), Economics; Luke Medinger (13TRo), Biological Sciences; Aaron Stanaway (13HnH), Architecture; James Williamson (13TRo), Veterinary Science; Ciaran Gatenby (Cwi), Mechanical Engineering; Bassel Abulmagel (13KCI), Pharmacology; Helena Heaton (13TRo) and Charlotte Dunne (13TRo), History of Art; Chloe Pritchard (13HnH), Criminology and Psychology.

University offers include Russell Group Universities and the University of Cambridge. All students are now working hard at their studies to achieve the A-Level grades required and prepare for forthcoming mock A-Level examinations.



Mr Woodward (Director of Sixth Form)

Short Film Competition

Media Students awarded trophy in short film competition

Annabelle Cole and Jessica Bickley, both Year 12 Media Students, have been awarded a trophy for their production of a short film which was entered for a national competition. The annual competition ran by The Bank of England was called *Bank, Camera, Action* and this is the first time students at Bishop Heber High School have entered. The short film had to be between 4 and 6 minutes in length and deal with the theme of independence. Both Annabelle and Jessica developed their production and editing skills, and produced an excellent piece of work that has rightly been recognised by the judges of the competition.



Mr Parsons (Media Studies)

Visiting Speaker to Social Sciences Department



Sixth form students provided a very warm welcome for Jennie McLaren in the **Psychology and Sociology** classrooms to talk about her role on the “Leapfrog programme” within the charity “Involve Northwest”, Birkenhead.

The A-level students learned how the charity provides support and advice to families who have experienced domestic abuse. Jennie also helped the students to see how they could apply their theoretical knowledge of the topic of “aggression” in Psychology and “Families and Households” in Sociology - to real life experiences. They also learned about the cycle of abuse that occurs within such relationships.

Finally, the students explored how this new knowledge could link to university courses and careers within the social work professions for themselves.

The respect and sensitivity shown by the students for those experiencing such distress in their lives was admirable.

Mrs Mullan (Head of Social Sciences)

Holocaust Lessons

Upper sixth History students Jacob Bellamy (13CWi) and Kudzai Maruta (13CWi) completed their Holocaust Project by teaching Year 9 students about what they learned on the Auschwitz trip during History lessons to mark Holocaust Memorial week.



Mr Pendlington (Joint Head of History)

Outreach Activity Day at Edge Hill

On Wednesday 7th February 2018 a group of Year 9 students attended a Higher Education outreach activity day at Edge Hill University. The event focused on the benefits of Higher Education and the different courses available. This is what some students said about the day:

“It was very interesting. There were so many different subjects that you can do at university. I thought that media production and drama both sounded amazing because that is what I would like to do. They have a fantastic sports centre and they even have a swimming pool. The treadmills have screens where you could watch TV or go on the Internet while you exercised”.

Kirsty Pates (9HCo)

“I really enjoyed the trip to Edge Hill University and found out lots of new things about university in general. Before going on the trip, I didn't know a lot about university and going to Edge Hill has helped answer lots of questions I had previously”.

Emilia Stys-Parry (9CHa)

“The day helped me so most with picking my options”.

Thomas Marshall (9ESm)

“It was really interesting and insightful to have a look at what university life is like at Edge Hill University”.

Callum May (9CHa)



Mr Lindley (Head of P.E.)
Mrs Hatton-Jones (Head of Year 9)

Pilot Training Completed.....

We have received fantastic news from the parents of a former Heber student, Andrew Dennett, who left here following successful completion of his A-levels in 2015. Andrew has recently secured a job with Jet 2 flying as a pilot. This is marvellous news for Andrew who is said to be extremely happy with his new role. Andrew is currently in his third year of a degree in Aviation Studies at Kingston University which he will continue to study alongside his new job. We are always proud of our student's achievements but additionally so when students leave to enter the world of further education and employment and we hear of their successes.

Well done Andrew, we are so pleased to hear you are 'flying high' and wish you every success in your career.

Frisbee

Bishop Heber sent five teams to the National Indoor U14 & U17 Championships in Wolverhampton.

Our first team managed to finish 6th out of 23 in the U17s division despite having to play some of the second day with no subs.

Our 2nd and 3rd teams did not fair so well, but gained valuable experience.

In the U14 division, our first team retained their seeding and finished 7th out of 16 teams.

The second team, mostly made up of year 7s who have only been playing for a couple of months, finished a credible 14th in their first tournament. It was great to see so many players from Heber, and a big thank you to 6th formers Andrew and Max for coming along to help coach.

Mr Lowe



Hockey

Congratulations to Juliet Gordon(7CTy) who has been invited to join West Cheshire and Wirral Junior Academy for hockey. This is a fantastic opportunity and we wish Juliet all the best with her training.

We would like to congratulate Claudia Royle(10NWe) who has been selected by England Hockey to be part of their Junior Performance Development Centre this season attending regional training sessions, camps and competitions. This is a brilliant opportunity and we wish Claudia all the best for the future.



Cross Country

This year we have had great success in the girls cross country with two students representing Cheshire in the next stage of the competition. Eden O'Dea (10NWe) won the Chester and District competition which lead on to the Cheshire School's Cross Country Championship's where Eden placed 4th and will now represent Cheshire in the English Schools National Championships in Leeds.

Jessica Hennessey (7PnU) ran an amazing race placing 2nd in the Chester and District cross country competition. Jessica went on to represent the district in the Cheshire School's Cross Country Championship's and placed in the top 20 so will now represent Cheshire in an Inter Country Race. Huge congratulations to both.

Miss Smith

Ice Skating

Bishop Heber has always had talented ice skaters who compete as individuals or perform in ice shows, but recently there has been a growing trend of skaters who compete in teams of synchronised skaters. Originally called precision skating, synchronised skating is a discipline of figure skating where 8-20 skaters (depending on the level) skate together as one team. The team moves as a flowing unit at high speed while completing difficult footwork, and are judged on skating skills, transitions, performance, composition, interpretation and difficulty of elements.



Jess Hennessey(7PnU) competes for Deeside's Dreigiau Tan in the juvenile division, and they finished 3rd in Cardiff (highest placed Welsh team) followed up by 5th at UK Nationals in Nottingham in January.

Alice Whatmough(8SMk) in her 4th season of competitions skates for Deeside Deelites, and in December they won the preliminary division in Cardiff to become Welsh champions. They also competed this weekend in Dumfries and finished 5th out of 9 teams in the Trophy D'Ecosse international tournament.



Alyssa Pridding(9PCo) competes for Deeside Angels in the elementary division and after Nationals in Nottingham where they registered their highest ever score, they followed that up with a more polished performance in Dumfries. With another member of the Angels joining Heber in September, we look forward to even more participation and better results in the future of this potential Olympic winter sport.

Girls Football

The Girls U13 football team have had a fantastic season so far. For the second year running they have reached the last 16 of the U13 National Cup, beating Helsby, Ellesmere Port Catholic High, Whitby, Tytherington and Congleton before losing to a very good St Peters side from Solihull 3-0. They are also in to the quarter finals of the Cheshire Cup where they play St Nicholas on the first week back after half term.



Congratulations to Safia Middleton-Patel (8CnV) who has been selected for the Wales Under 15's side this season where she has already played against Scotland. Safia goes to Brittany on the 26th February to play against the French before preparing for the forthcoming Bob Docherty cup which is competed for by U15 Girls selects representing Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. Safia is also Liverpool FC Centre of Excellence Under 14 keeper and in her 6th year with the club.



Sports Leadership



Congratulations to Tom Hamer (9ESm), Ethan Evans (9BPi), and Anna Williamson (10JSy), Millie Edwards (10CWs) and James Palgrave Jones (10RMa) who were selected to attend the County Step in to Sport conference where they had the opportunity to work with other young sports ambassadors from other schools and lead inclusive P.E. activities to SEN students from the area.

They also had an inspirational presentation from Rik Waddon Double Paralympian World Team Sprint Champion.

Mark Lindley (Head of P.E)



Parking on Chester Road, Hollowood Road, Ash Close, Oat Hills, Heber Close and Drakes Way

We are aware that parking at the above locations is often congested and would like you to consider the below points when parking your vehicle.

- **Do not park vehicles in such a manner that causes pedestrians or other footpath users to be obstructed. It is not acceptable to block a footway that forces anyone to have to use the road to rejoin a footpath.**
- **Parking on or near a bend so that a view is obstructed to the point other roads users either in motor vehicles or on foot cannot safely pass is unacceptable and dangerous.**
- **Any parking MUST always allow sufficient space for an emergency or larger vehicle to pass. Remember someone's life could depend upon this consideration being met.**
- **Parking within 10 metres of a junction mouth, severely limits views to emerge or enter safely onto another part of the highway.**



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

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 Mrs Williams in the Finance Office.

finance@bishopheber.cheshire.sch.uk

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 6 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 6th 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 5 mph speed limit
- Vehicles trying to get out are holding up vehicles trying to get in causing congestion on an already busy road

To elevate 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 co-operation.