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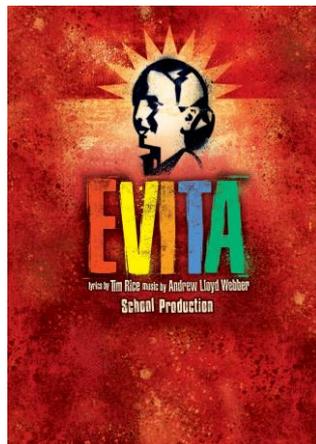
May I wish you a (very) belated Happy New Year! For us at Heber the year has started very well with the usual imperative around Year 9s making their GCSE options, as well as the Year 11 and Upper Sixth mock examinations. Whilst naturally a stressful time for us all, I feel that students have dealt with these events very well indeed. For many it has highlighted what needs to be done in the remaining five months.

I am aware that some schools locally have had to close due to adverse weather and/or staff illness. I am grateful for the support of colleagues at Heber to ensure we have managed this time of year to ensure we haven't had to issue a School Closure Notice. If we do, please refer to the school's website or Twitter accounts (see below).



I would like to thank Carden Park formally for sponsoring the School's biennial Careers Convention again. The event is open to all 14-19 year olds in the area on Wednesday, 13th March. We have over 100 exhibitors from a range of employers, apprenticeships, as well as Further and Higher education providers. Please reserve this date in your diary and join us from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

We are delighted to announce that Heber's next whole school musical production *Evita*, to be staged in November 2019. The show is the final large-scale joint work of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice and is indeed their follow-up to *Jesus Christ Superstar* which we staged here at Heber last November. *Evita*, charts the rise to power of Argentina's first lady Eva Peron. It is set amidst a backdrop of political intrigue and revolution in 1940s and 50s Argentina.



On Tuesday 5th February during PSHCE lessons Tutors promoted and supported Safer Internet Day 2019 @BishopHeberHS. 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.



Although this type of upset is rare at Heber, I would be grateful for your continued support to ensure everyone is Happy@Heber. Please take a few minutes to look at the information, advice and guidance on www.saferinternetday.org.uk especially, a great guide containing top tips for parents and carers <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

Many congratulations to Sixth Former Lauren McCarthy. Lauren's achievements in Year 11 were celebrated at the British Educational Awards ceremony at the Hilton Hotel in Manchester on Thursday 31st January. Lauren achieved an amazing feat of ten grade 9's, which was achieved by less than 0.2% of all GCSE candidates nationally in 2018 (732 achieved 7 or more grade 9s).



I can confirm that the 2019 Spring Term **Non-uniform Day** in aid of Comic Relief is Friday, 15th March. Our donations of £1 per person will allow the School to contribute over £1,300 to support RND.



Finally, we also say goodbye to one colleague this term. **Mr S Allsopp** (1996-2018) joined Bishop Heber 22 years ago in September 1996 as Teacher of Art and has decided to leave Heber for personal reasons at Christmas. He has been such a source of inspiration for students over the years both inside the classroom and beyond, supporting numerous trips over the past three decades. We wish Mr Allsopp all the best for the future.

Academic Year 2018-19 (important dates)

- 25.02.19 **Students return to School (Week 1)**
- 26.02.19 ATC Civilian Committee Mtg. (7.15 - 8.30 p.m.)
- 27.02.19 Year 10 GCSE Mock Examinations start
- 28.02.19 Year 11 Parents' Eve (SPH 4.15 - 7.15 p.m.)
- 05.03.19 Friends of Heber Mtg. (Conf Room 7 p.m.)
- 05.03.19 Performing Arts Concert (MSH 7- 9 p.m.)
- 13.03.19 Careers Convention (SPH/MSH 6 - 8 p.m.)
- 15.03.19 Non-uniform (RND) Day (Comic Relief)
- 21.03.19 Lower Sixth Parents' Eve (SPH 4.15 - 7.15 p.m.)
- 28.03.19 Year 10 Parents' Eve (SPH 4.15 - 7.15 p.m.)
- 29.03.19 **End of Spring Term (12.25 p.m. finish)**

Summer Term 2019

- 15.04.19 **Students return to School (Week 2)**
- 18.04.19 Non-uniform Day (Friends of Heber)
- 19.04.19 **Good Friday – School Closed**
- 22.04.19 **Easter Bank Holiday Monday – School Closed**

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Trips

Hunt for the Higgs Boson at CERN



Sixth Form physics students from the Heber are looking forward to their visit to CERN, home of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). From the 19th-21st February, they will be experiencing the enormous scientific complex spanning over the Swiss and French border as they visit elements of the LHC.

Scientific breakthroughs such as the discovery of the Higgs boson require experimental machines on the large scale, and the students will gain an appreciation of the technical and engineering challenges that the multinational experimental collaborations at CERN face. In addition to enriching their understanding of the field of particle physics, the group will experience Swiss culture by visiting the UN in Geneva and other tourist attractions.

Mr. M. Taylor

Aim Higher Engineering for the Future

With Miss Johnson, fifteen Year 11 students had the opportunity to attend the STEM.NET organised event at the Warrington Halliwell Stadium on Thursday 22nd November 2018 to experience an engineering immersion day led by the institutes of mechanical, chemical, civil and nuclear engineering.



The students enjoyed participating in organised problem solving activities in addition to listening to lectures.

Furthermore they had the chance to speak to engineers over the course of the day, which was supported by an engineering-focused careers fayre. From evaluating the experience, all students felt it was an extremely worthwhile opportunity which reinforced their goal of following an engineering path for the future.



Mr. M. Taylor

Clubs

Homework Hub



Congratulations to Dani Thompson (10BPi; pictured left). She is the lucky and well-deserving winner of the Homework Hub 'Christmas Chocolate' Raffle Prize. Raffle tickets are earned by attending Homework Hub sessions.

Students earn a raffle ticket each time they come to Homework Hub and a prize of chocolates is drawn each half term. Euan Cawley (7S&B; pictured right), is this half-term's lucky winner. He won a box of Celebrations!

If you would like to be included in the next half-term raffle then come along! Sessions are held in IT1, Monday to Thursday, 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Mrs. J. Jones

Performing Arts

Carol Concert



The second half of the Autumn Term proved, yet again, to be a busy one for students representing Heber in Performing Arts. Fresh from the whole school production of Jesus Christ Superstar, our students were back in performing mode some three weeks later, this time celebrating Christmas in the Carol Concert at St. Oswald's.



A mixture of choir pieces, orchestral items and solo performances together with the first performance from our Year 7 drama group was enjoyed by a full church. Highlights from the concert were reprised in our end of term assembly on Friday 21st December. Pictures show some of our choir and orchestra ahead of their St Oswald's performance on Tuesday 18th December.

Mr. S. Ferrelly

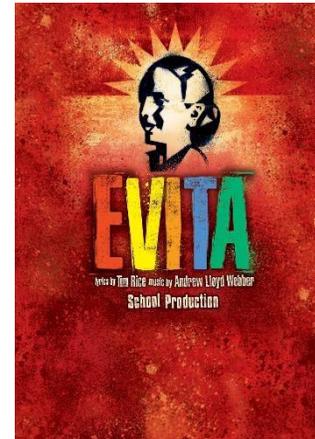
Heber Footlights

At the time of writing, auditions are in full swing for our annual Heber Footlights, a celebration of Performing Arts at Heber which will be held at school on Tuesday 12th March, 7 p.m. The evening will feature ensemble performances from the choir and orchestra, but chiefly showcase talent arranged and rehearsed by the students themselves in an array of solo vocal performances, dance pieces and drama work.

Tickets will be on sale shortly after half term from the online Heber Box Office. Participating students will be arriving home with a letter ahead of the box office going live, giving more details regarding ticket sales.

Whole School Production

As stated in the Headteacher's introduction, we are delighted to announce that Heber's whole school musical production to be staged in November 2019 will be Evita.



Undoubtedly the most famous song from Evita (and possibly one of the most well-known songs from 20th Century musical theatre), is *Don't Cry For Me Argentina*, but the show is packed with other great tunes including *Another Suitcase In Another Hall* and *You Must Love Me*, all of which were hits for Madonna in her Golden Globe winning performance in the 1997 film version.

Prospective Heber auditionees are encouraged to check out the film over the next half term. Details about the audition process will be revealed after Easter.

Mr. S. Ferrelly

Library Events

Harry Potter Book Night



Harry Potter Book Night was celebrated in the library after school on Thursday 7th February. The theme for 2019 was 'Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry'. On arrival, students were sorted into house teams and had to complete a scavenger hunt around Diagon Alley to collect magical artefacts, including picking up wands from Ollivanders.

This was followed up with some magic lessons; creature riddles in the Care of Magical Creatures class and animal impressions in the Transfiguration class. Finally students tested their wits in house teams with a hidden Hogwarts quiz. Congratulations to the winning team... Gryffindor!



Miss L. Kinsella

Success & Achievement

National Citizen Service (NCS)

For the last three years Bishop Heber has averaged approximately twenty students signing up to participate in the NCS Programme. After delivering a positive assembly in School, I delivered a collection stall with Miss K. Bidwell where Year 11 students returned sign up packs and payment during lunchtime in return for a free NCS Hoodie.



I am delighted to inform you that Bishop Heber High School reached 'NCS Champion School Status' after forty students signed up - we are thrilled you have achieved this milestone.

Si Valentine – NCS North West Team

Bag2School Collection

The Sixth Form Committee has been busy working on a new project to promote the use of sustainable palm oil. Palm oil can be found in over 50% of products on supermarket shelves and comes from the fruit and seeds of the palm plant found in much of the natural rainforest. Unsustainable palm oil is causing pollution and deforestation leading to the loss of habitats and hence, animal endangerment.



To take part in the fight against unsustainable palm oil, the Sixth Form Committee organised a collection; Bag2School is an organisation that promotes the re-use of textiles by taking your unwanted clothing and providing them to people who rely on good quality second hand items in Eastern and Western Europe, Asia and Africa.



School will receive a 'thank you' cheque from Bag2School with the profits going to Act for Wildlife (led by Chester Zoo) - a charity working to save endangered wildlife from unsustainable palm oil worldwide. Thank you to everyone who donated generously to our campaign – we collected 745kg, raising £298 for Act for Wildlife.
Samantha Banks (13KR0)



Issie Harman (11AGr) and Eden O'Dea (11NWe) decided to tackle the Sandstone Trail and fundraise for Children Today - a charity based in Chester. Their funds provide special equipment for children and young people with disabilities in Chester and throughout the UK. The run was completed on the 3rd and 4th of January; 30K on the 3rd (Frodsham to Burwardsley) and 26K on the 4th (Burwardsley to Whitchurch), running for a total of around 8 hours. Raising approximately £600 for charity.

“Eden and I truly believe that we can make a difference to a young person's life through the donations we are raising. The funds will be going towards; powered and manual wheelchairs, specialised tricycles, adapted pushchairs, walking aids, sensory equipment, communication aids and lifting aids to enable movement.

Even though it was agonising, freezing and steep, we kept smiling in hope that the next mountain wouldn't be as steep as the last!!! We had many highs and lows, at times we ran at a quick running pace, at others we were on the verge of walking. There were funny moments- one of our highlights was being stuck on a farmyard with sheep and when they ran past (one by one) they would leap, so high!!! Our few breaks consisted of lots of water and energy gels. When we were at our lowest, we reminded ourselves of what we were running it for. We ran it for those who can't.”

Issie Harman (11AGr)

Sports

Ultimate Frisbee



Congratulations to 45 students who took part in the Ultimate Frisbee Indoor School Championships in Wolverhampton. 25 students played on both Saturday and Sunday with another twenty playing one of the days (The photo shows Sunday players only). Our U17 teams finished 12th and 20th (out of 23 teams) and our U14 2nd team finished joint 12th (out of 13). Our U14 1st team made the semi-finals. Unfortunately they came up against the reigning champions, but finishing 4th is a real achievement. All were a real credit to the School. Mr K Lowe

Synchronised Ice Skating



Alyssa Pridding (10DHe; Captain) and Scarlett Lowe (7C&F; Vice Captain) of Deeside Angels competed in the British Synchronised Skating Championships in Nottingham. Having finished no higher than 9th for the last 3 years, the team won bronze medals finishing 3rd out of eleven teams. For the first time, the championships have been live streamed on the BBC Sports channel. This greater publicity is helping to increase participation and help the sport push for consideration to be included in future Winter Olympics.

Mr K Lowe

Barbados Netball Trip

The U16 and U18 Netball Squads leave for an 11 day tour of Barbados on Thursday 14th February. The girls are all keen netball players who attend training on a regular basis at School, competing at District and County level. Many have been planning and saving for this trip of a lifetime since starting at Bishop Heber in Year 7.

In Barbados they will stay in self-catered accommodation, shopping at local markets and cooking for themselves. 8 matches against local high schools are to be played which will further enhance and develop their playing experience, resilience and independence. Students will be given a tour of a high school and learn about the education system as well as the Bajan's own unique customs and traditions.

The group have been involved in numerous fundraising ventures over the past 2 years to help finance the trip but are extremely grateful to our main sponsors (Carden Park, Woodlands Ice Cream, Hoots and Axis) for their interest and financial support.



U18 Squad: Eleanor Moulton, Lara Butler, Sophie Rouse, Olivia Hamer, Charlotte Done, Morgan Chapman, Libby Bevan, Emily Burgess, Eleanor Baldwin, Claire Williams, Hollie Ross, Ellen Martin, Grace Holland

U16 Squad: Anna Williamson, Millie Edwards, Emma Crosby, Daisy Long, Lillie Robb, Holly Roden, Jessica Rouse, Madeleine Sugden, Madeleine Young.

The Netball teams would like to thank everyone who contributed towards the Christmas raffle, bought raffle tickets and to local companies and sponsors who have donated some fantastic raffle prizes. The raffle was a great success raising £1,202.15 which will go towards supporting the Barbados Netball Tour.

We would also like to give a huge thank you to our kit sponsors; Axis Ltd for the U16 Tour shirts, Woodlands Ice Cream for the U18 Tour shirts, Hoots for the U16 Training shirts and Legat Owen for the U18 Training shirt. Thank you all for your support, it is greatly appreciated. Mrs L. Robinson, Miss E. Smith and Miss K. Bidwell

