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Headteacher Editorial:

As we draw this academic year to a close, it's a pleasure to reflect on what has been a truly outstanding year. We began in September with a thoughtfully planned week of staff CPD and induction activities, warmly welcoming our new Year 7 students and Sixth Formers into Heber.

We also returned to the fantastic news that our school had been ranked in the top 3% of comprehensive schools nationally for GCSE progress (P8 +0.72), a remarkable achievement that reflects the dedication and hard work of last year's Year 11 students and their teachers.

This term, as always, has been exceptionally busy with the culmination of GCSE and A-level examinations. Yet, academic focus has not come at the expense of the wider Heber experience. The breadth and richness of student achievements featured in this end-of-year edition are a testament to the vibrant life of our school. From prize-giving ceremonies to awards evenings, there has been much to celebrate and rightly so.



The election of the School Officers took place after the Upper Sixth Formers had started their external exams.

I am now pleased to share that the Sixth Form and staff have elected their Senior Prefects for 2025/2026. The new Head Prefects are Hannah Davies and Ted Tindle (centre and left-hand side) and their Deputies: Amelia Bocan and Ciceley Richards (from left to right), who take office immediately.

We have said farewell throughout the year to colleagues Mr S Davies and Mr I McDowell (Site Team); Mrs J Beard (Canteen); Mrs J Lawton TA; Miss J Middleton (Headteacher's PA); Mrs M Whitmarsh (Teacher of English); Miss J Ardeshir (Office Manager); Mrs K Kirkman (Assistant SENDCo) and Mrs J Rich who retired after an amazing 29 years of service at Heber. This summer we say goodbye to six colleagues who have over 40 years of collective service at Heber.

Ms Y Carlton (2023-2025) joined Heber two years ago in September 2023 as a Teacher of English having previously worked at St Martin's School, Oswestry (2018-2023). Ms Carlton is leaving us to take up new opportunities outside teaching.

Mrs L Todd (2023-2025) also joined Heber two years ago in September 2023 as a Teacher of Design & Technology having previously worked in several local schools (2002-2023), including Your Chapter (2019-2022), HMP Berwyn (2018-2019), Bishop Blue Coat (2005-2018) and Neston High School (1999-2005). Mrs Todd is leaving us to take a full-time post at the Marches Academy Trust.

Mrs R Hughes (2022-2025) joined Heber three years ago as a Teaching Assistant and was promoted to a new post as TA Co-ordinator in 2023 having previously worked as a volunteer at Tilston Primary School (2020 to 2023). Mrs Hughes leaves us to take up a post as a Head of Futures at The King's School, Chester.

Mr R Leong (2019-2025) joined Heber six years ago in September 2019 as a Teacher of Mathematics having previously worked as Head of Maths at Blacon High School (2010-2019). Mr Leong leaves us to take up a post nearer to home at The King's School, Chester.

Mrs J Harnden (2018-2025) joined Heber seven years ago in September 2018 as a Teacher of Girls' P.E. having previously worked as Assistant Headteacher at Neston High School (1997 to 2018). We thank Mrs Harnden sincerely for her dedication and service and wish her every happiness in her early retirement.

Mr K Lowe (2004-2025) joined Heber 21 years ago in January 2004 as a newly qualified teacher of Mathematics. Mr Lowe had previously worked as a Lead Programmer and Software Architect. His commitment to Ultimate Frisbee as well as his role as a teacher & tutor have been exceptional. Mr Lowe is leaving us to enjoy a well-earned retirement and we wish him all the very best.

We also say goodbye to one of the students, Alice O'Donnell (9JBr) who has secured a place at the very prestigious Chetham's School of Music. Many congratulations Alice – we are so proud of you!

Summer Term 2025 (important dates) for your diary:

14.08.25	AS/A2 results published (8 a.m. MSH)
21.08.25	Yr 11 GCSE results published (9 a.m. MSH)
21.08.25	Sixth Form enrolment (9 - 11 a.m. MSH)
21.08.25	Yr 10 GCSE results published (10 a.m. online only)

Autumn Term 2025 (important dates) for your diary:

01.09.25	Start of new Academic Year
01.09.25	INSET CPD Day 1 (Staff only)
02.09.25	INSET CPD Day 2 (Staff only)
03.09.25	Year 7 (only) - Induction Day
03.09.25	Lower Sixth - Induction Day
03.09.25	Upper Sixth - Applications Day
04.09.25	STEPs Day (15 min appointment) 8.30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
05.09.25	ALL students normal Timetable (Week B)
01.10.25	Year 6 Open Morning/Evening (6 p.m. SPH)
23.10.25	Sixth Form Open Evening (6 p.m. SPH)
24.10.25	Autumn Term Half-term starts (3.30 p.m.)

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Devon Activity Week Residential

A group of Year 8 and Year 9 students spent a week in Devon. Accommodation was at YHA Beer which was just a short walk to Beer Village beach where evenings were spent playing games and watching the waves.

Students spent the first day at the Eden Project, exploring the rainforest and mediterranean biome and learning about the importance of sustainability.

Our second day involved exploring the Jurassic Coast and fossil hunting in Lyme Regis. One group were lucky enough to find a fossil, many years after Mary Anning made her discoveries! The afternoon was spent at Dorset Adventure Park where students were racing each other through the mud trail. A very muddy but fun activity!

The last day involved learning more about the local area with a tour through Beer Quarry Caves, before finishing off the trip with a well-deserved ice cream!

Miss O Lewis – Subject Leader of Geography



Activity week

Need for Speed - Fan-Powered Racers!

Students geared up for our thrilling Need for Speed challenge. In teams of up to three, they designed and built their own mini race cars using a set kit of materials, then went head-to-head on the track to find out whose car was the fastest and best engineered. Well done to all teams for your creativity, teamwork, and racing spirit!



Students enjoyed a trip to Delamere Forest.



Our Year 9 students stepped into the world of mystery and intrigue as they took part in an exciting Murder Mystery challenge. They investigated a fictional crime scene, examined clues, and interrogated suspects to figure out whodunnit!



Some amazing bakers showed off their skills with incredible cakes! Here are the winners:

- 🍰 Best Traditional Cake: Kacey Payton (8H&J)
- 🍰 Best Novelty Cake: Tabitha Hill (9RWh) & Megan Hayward (9CLe)

- 🍰 Most Interesting Flavour: Libby Cadman (9JBr)
- 👏 Best Effort: Angel Baldwin (8G&H)
- 😄 Best Attitude: Freya Harding (8YCa)
- 🌟 Best Tidy-Up: Megan Lea-Ford (8GMo)
- 🌍 Best In Theme (Countries): Rosa Johnston (9SFe) & Joel Goodwin (9AWn)
- ★ Star Baker Year 7: Dayton Meredith (7SJy)
- ★ Star Baker Year 8: Annie Allmand (8H&J)
- ★ Star Baker Year 9: Emily Hughes (9RWh)
- 🇬🇧 Biggest Surprise: Arthur Fox (9CLe)

Huge congratulations to all our talented bakers!



17 students had an epic day out kayaking, canoeing, and paddleboarding — with plenty of swimming and fun water games thrown in! Highlights included a hilarious round of 'Search for the Missing Shoe'



There was some amazing enthusiasm from our Year 8 students during the activity week mindfulness session! They enjoyed a calming mix of colouring in, a relaxing body scan meditation, and even a little bit of dance to lift the spirits. Well done, Year 8!



Some of our students got creative in the annual Sewing Bee! From threading needles to designing their own pieces, it was a brilliant display of focus, imagination, and teamwork.



Some of our students had an exciting trip to Chill Factor! They had the opportunity to put their skiing and snowboarding skills to the test—and judging by the smiles and snowy fun, it looks like everyone had a fantastic time on the slopes!



France Watersports Trip

Over activity week 40 Year 9 students went to the Dordogne region of France on our annual watersports trip. Highlights included the river paddle, boat games and rock jumps before sailing and paddle boarding and completing a variety of high ropes courses. Lots of fun was had and students have lots of great memories.



Germany Boppard

In the very early hours of the morning- Monday 23rd June - a group of 47 very excited students and five staff set off for the beautiful town of Boppard in Germany. Despite a 16-hour coach journey, spirits were high as we arrived at the Hol Rheinlust in Boppard. After eating and unpacking we went for a walk along the river, where to much delight, park was found! This proved to be excellent entertainment during each evening of our stay. For the less active among us, the beautiful riverbank allowed us to sit, chill and do quizzes and a treasure hunt. The week was packed with activities: a visit to a castle, a boat trip on the Rhine, a visit to the Deutsches Eck, a ride up a mountain on a chairlift, and everyone's favourite- a day at Phantasialand theme park, where despite a brief thunderstorm some very brave students went on the most scary rides! The weather was beautiful, the students were amazing and a credit to the school, and a very good time was had by all.

Mrs A White – Teacher of Languages

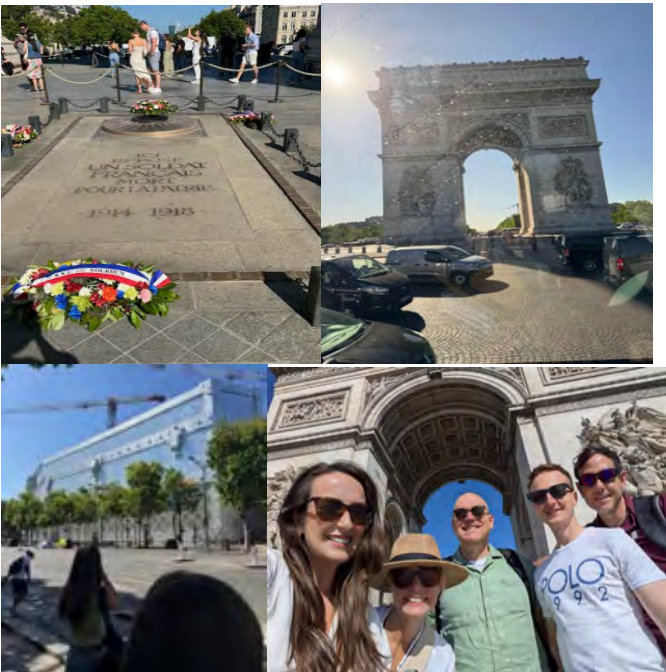


Science and Cultural Trip to Paris

Last month, 44 enthusiastic students from Years 8 and 9 embarked on an unforgettable five-day science and culture trip to Paris. Accompanied by equally enthusiastic staff, the group explored some of the city's most iconic landmarks and museums, immersing themselves in both scientific discovery and French heritage.



The adventure began with a visit to the Arc de Triomphe where students were impressed by the monument to Napoleon but also in disbelief of the 'Parisian' driving style around this historic site! Next, on to the Champs-Élysées for a little walk taking in the French ambience and cafe/shopping culture.

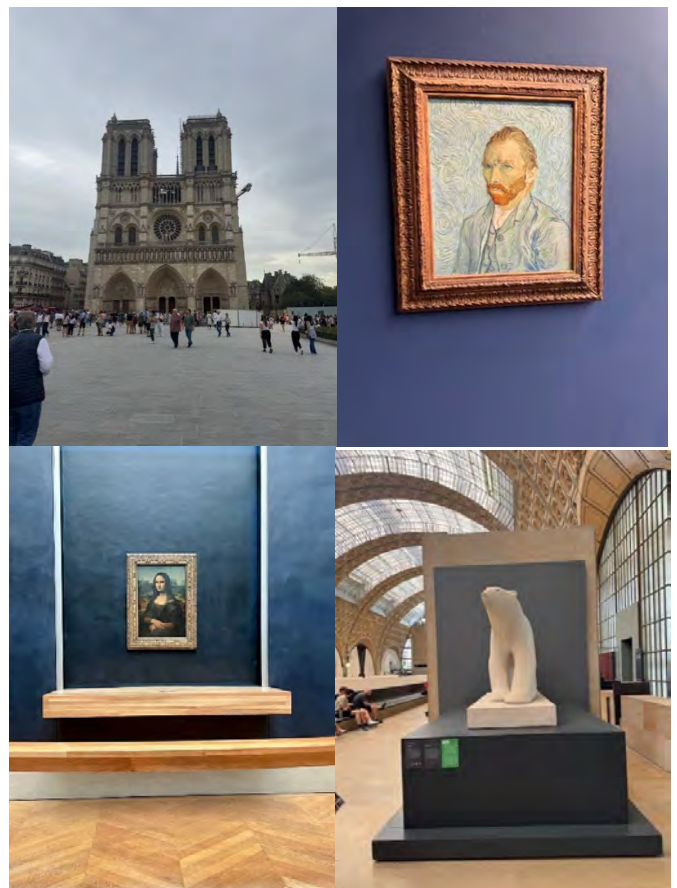


Following this was a visit to the Pantheon, where we delved into the stories of influential figures buried there, such as Marie Curie and Victor Hugo and learnt about the building's scientific significance in the study of pendulum motion in relation to the Earth's rotation. The day finished with an afternoon at the 'Cit  des Sciences et de l'Industrie', where students engaged in a lecture about space in the Planetarium and interacted with

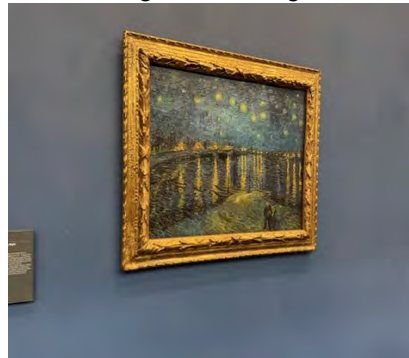
numerous scientific displays.



Day 2 started with a brief visit to the Place du Trocad ro taking in the elevated view of the Eiffel Tower and Paris. Next, a visit to the newly restored Notre Dame and the crypt where remnants of Paris's history, including Roman structures like a bathhouse and port, as well as medieval and later remain.



After having lunch along the Seine, we all arrived at the Mus e d'Orsay, where students encountered world-famous artworks and learned about the intersection of art, history and science. The very hot day ended with a visit to the Louvre to see the world-famous Mona Lisa



and other leading art works, capping off a busy and exciting second day.

The final day of sightseeing began with a longer visit to the Eiffel tower and surrounding areas, where students

appreciated the mechanical engineering of the tower while watching the French Olympic gymnastics team give a display under it. Students then made their way up towards the Trocadero again to take in the views once more and to observe the Olympic rings from the Paris 2024 games which were still evident. Following this exciting start to the day, a much-needed respite was taken with a serene cruise along the River Seine, offering a unique perspective on Paris's historic architecture and vibrant atmosphere.



Throughout the trip, the students were a credit to the school. Their behaviour was exemplary, their curiosity infectious and their enthusiasm unwavering. Whether marvelling at the historic sites seen or discussing the science of space or Concorde's development, they demonstrated maturity, teamwork and a genuine love of learning.

This trip was not only a celebration of science but also a rich cultural experience that broadened horizons and created lasting memories. A huge thank you to all staff involved in organising and leading the trip, and to the students for making it such a success.

Dr Clark – Subject Leader of Science



Once again after having lunch along the Seine, the group made their way to the Musée de l'Air et de l'Espace, one of the world's largest aviation museums. Here, students engaged with exhibits on aeronautics, the Ariane space rocket, space exploration and the Concorde exhibition hall, where the physics behind supersonic flight was discussed, sparking curiosity and lively discussion.



The final day of sightseeing ended with a meal in the Montmartre area of Paris and everyone enjoying the

Menai

Each year, our Year 7 students have the exciting opportunity to take part in the much-anticipated residential trip to Menai. This action-packed week is all about adventure, personal growth, and making unforgettable memories. From exploring the great outdoors to beach walks and high-adrenaline activities, students are encouraged to step outside their comfort zones and embrace new challenges. The week began with students settling into their dorms and getting to know the site with a guided tour. That afternoon, they jumped straight into their first chosen activities, setting the tone for a week full of energy and enthusiasm.

Day two was just as thrilling, with a full schedule of morning and afternoon activities. Highlights included the ever-popular egg drop competition, which sparked some serious creativity and friendly competition, and a colourful t-shirt tie-dye session. The evening brought plenty of laughter with a carousel of fast-paced 4-minute games.



On day three, students took part in bushcraft, A trip to Plas Newydd, beach walks, and more outdoor adventures. After a busy day, everyone enjoyed a relaxing movie night featuring *Inside Out 2*—a perfect way to wind down.



Even on the final day, the fun didn't stop. With glorious weather on our side, students either completed their last activity or took on a scenic 5K walk to the beach zoo. After lunch, groups swapped over before preparing for the final night's festivities. The evening offered something for everyone: a lively disco for those ready to dance the night away, or a quieter art room for those who preferred a creative wind-down.

Though the week was full-on, it was equally rewarding. On Friday morning, staff shared their favourite moments from the trip and presented certificates to students, celebrating their achievements and personal growth throughout the week. A huge thank you to all the students who took part and made this an unforgettable week. Your enthusiasm, teamwork, and spirit made the trip truly special!

See below for some of the fantastic student feedback

Emily Robinson

"My favourite part of Menai was the 5km walk on the Thursday. I walked in a group with Ms Selwood and she was so lovely and encouraging. The landscapes were absolutely beautiful in the gorgeous weather! I also really enjoyed the beach art trip, but not the jumping bugs that we encountered! I would go to Menai again, one hundred times if I could!"

Oliver Jinks

"My best bits of Menai were raft building and time spent in the social rooms. During raft building our raft flipped over and five of us ended up in the water! We played Uno in the social rooms, and it got very competitive and funny!"

Matilda Parry

"I really enjoyed all of Menai, but one of my favourite moments was being the dorm with my friends and creating special memories. On the night of the disco we were curling each others hair and pulling together the best outfit for each other, it was so lovely and fun!"

Arthur Baker

"My favourite moment of Menai was toasting marshmallows in bushcraft. We made a fire and a shelter and the instructor was very impressed with our efforts and ability."

Imogen Harkness

"I had a great time at Menai, but my favourite moment was rock climbing with my friends. The instructors were so lovely and helpful. They showed us how to skilfully climb the wall and then the best bit was playing shark attack, it was so much fun!"

Nikola Rogalska

"My best moment(s) of Menai were raft building and high ropes. During raft building our raft was so wobbly and me and a friend were about to fall in, when the rest of our team worked together to space out and even out the weight to make it stable again. Everyone (including the teachers) ended up splashing each other, it was so much fun! In the high ropes activity I was very scared, I never thought I would take part in something like that as I am not a fan of heights, but I overcame my worries and

even jumped off the platform at the end. I am so glad I did it!"

Frankie-Leigh Jones

"Menai was pretty fun! The activities I did were the high ropes, raft building, bushcraft, plas newydd and we went to the beach! I think my favourite was the beach and it was so fun because me and Beth got soaked by a huge wave! The food was really good, there was a range of food which was very likeable. Raft building was very chaotic, I was so scared and was screaming so loud whilst my teammates were trying to push me off, so we don't talk about that! There were also night activities which included movie night, disco, night games etc. My favourite were the night games, they were fun but I don't want to spoil it for you guys. If you are worried, that is normal, I was too but the teachers will look after you and believe me it's SO MUCH FUN! Have a good time!"

Toby Glynn

"My favourite bit of Menai was being in a group with some people I wouldn't normally 'hang out' with, so it was nice to make new friends. I also thought that the beach was really fun, just messing around with your mates having a good time. I also liked having a bit of responsibility being on time, where you need to be, packing the night stuff. Having Chips everyday was also very fun!"



Work experience

Eloise Edge (12RMy) Gains Real-World Publishing Experience with *Cheshire Life*.

We are delighted to share the fantastic achievement of Eloise Edge, who recently completed a week of work experience with *Cheshire Life* magazine. During her placement, Eloise impressed the editorial team so much that the editor offered to personally mentor her.

Demonstrating great initiative, Eloise reached out to the editor over the Easter holidays to seek further opportunities—and her determination paid off. As a result, she contributed to two articles that will be featured in the July edition of *Cheshire Life*.

One article was co-written after Eloise accompanied the deputy editor on a story in Manchester, gaining valuable insight into the world of professional journalism. The second article, which Eloise wrote independently, was assigned to her directly by the editor. It covered a sensitive topic, and Eloise approached it with maturity and professionalism.

We are especially proud that Bishop Heber High School is mentioned in the pottery article—an added bonus to an already impressive accomplishment.

Being published in a prestigious regional magazine is a remarkable achievement and a testament to Eloise's talent, initiative, and confidence. We're sure that the support and encouragement she has received from staff and peers alike have played a part in her success.

Well done, Eloise!

New Year's Eve celebration for St Luke's Hospice

written: Eloise Edge photo: Kirsty Thompson



Tracy and Neil (Stuart McMillan) are hosting a New Year's Eve Gala at Cottage Hall in Minton Chapel to raise funds for St Luke's Hospice, a cause close to their hearts.

Tracy's mother, Barbara, was cared for at the hospice in Windward and the couple, who have both had cancer, are receiving ongoing support.

Tracy says: "We are organising the event to show our gratitude for the help and kindness that St Luke's has shown us and to raise awareness of the work done there."

"In 2018, the year Neil and I married, my son, Stuart, aged 30, passed away to his sleep, and two months later, my mother died from cancer. In 2022, I was diagnosed with bowel cancer, then the following year, Neil had the same diagnosis."

"St Luke's have been kind to treat me with care and there are no signs of a retreating, but my prognosis is dependent on how I respond to treatment. Throughout all this, St Luke's have been at our side. It's not just the person with cancer they help but those closest to them too."

"I want to be remembered for giving something back to a great cause that has supported me as a family and continues to support me. Since I met Neil in 2016, we have been through the worst times, but as a team we have made it through some tough times and the support from St Luke's has helped to support each other, which is why we have decided to do what we are doing for them. I want to be able to say the funds raised will allow St Luke's continue to flourish."

Tracy and Neil, who live in Northwich, are looking for sponsors for the Black-Car Ball, which will include a three-course festive meal, casino tables, entertainment and dancing before the guests welcome in 2023.



Year 12 are all out on their Work Experience placements at a wide variety of different organisations and employers. The first batch of photos are in with Dylan Burge (12SSm) and Ollie Bowden (12NST) fabricating pool tables / arcade machines and learning about the supply and demand of the business on their placement. Meanwhile Kaidy Meredith (12SSm) and Simone Nyamuvurudza (12NST) are supporting Heber staff with the Year 7s at Menai!



Oscar Wood (12NST) has been working at Alderford Lake helping them prepare for Alderfest amongst other things. Molly Brereton (12RLe) has been working at Pawfit Veterinary Physiotherapy. Emily (12MLi) has

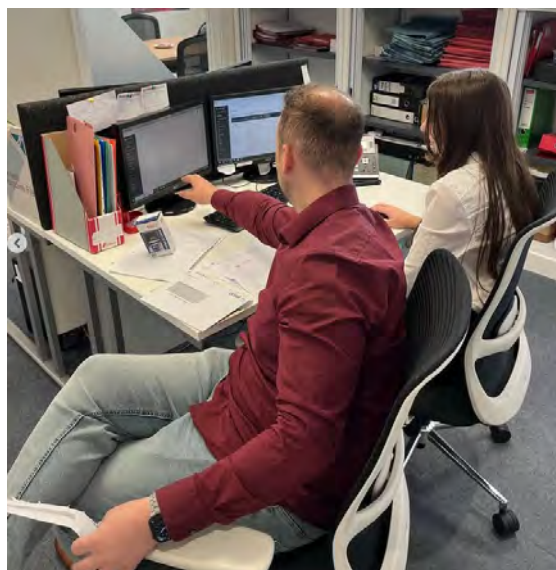


Eloise during her first attempt on a potter's wheel

been posing with jet engines, while on her placement at Rolls Royce. Morgan Simmonds (12RLe) has been enjoying learning how to build computers at his placement with Connectus, and finally for now, Kristel Guerra (12NSSt) has sent in pictures from her placement at Beeston Aspinall Architects, where she has been learning how to complete technical CAD drawings and even going on a site visit! Wow, we are so proud of all our amazing Year 12 students out there in all these fantastic workplaces this week. We've had so much lovely, positive feedback from your placement providers too, well done!



Hugo Williams (12RLe) and Tiffany (12SSm) have been working at The Accounts Centre in Chester doing VAT returns, bookkeeping, and payroll. Another student has been in the lab at Stallion AI working with racehorse samples, and Ciceley Richards (12SSm) has been at the Heswall and Pensby Group Practice on the Wirral, sitting in on minor surgeries!



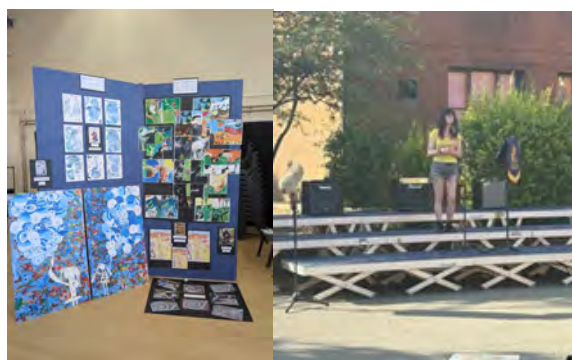
Sports Day

On Tuesday 8th July we held our annual sports day with great engagement from students and staff alike. The morning session saw Field events and some track heats taking place before all of KS3 came out to enjoy the sun and the competition in the afternoon. Traditional events like the 100m and 800m had their finals but also the egg and spoon race, welly throw and 2x200m's showcased lots of effort and skills on show.



Arts evening

On Wednesday, 9th July, students from all year groups took part in our Summer Arts Celebration Evening. The evening featured a variety of fantastic performances that highlighted the creativity and hard work of our students. It was a wonderful event enjoyed by everyone, and we'd like to congratulate all those who took part.



Grease is the word

Congratulations to all students who successfully auditioned for our November production of Grease.

The cast list has now been announced, and rehearsals get underway as soon as we return in September. The production will run from Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st November with tickets on sale immediately after half term.



Music For Life

Learning a musical instrument brings so many benefits to a child's overall development as well as developing a skill and interest that a child can have for life. Music for Life is a not-for-profit music service working in partnership with schools which currently arranges lessons for more than 3,500 young people across our area. **Bookings are now open for lessons to begin in the new school year, from September. You can find out much more and book a new course online via our website: [/www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now](http://www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now)**

Please note - If your child already has lessons with us, we will be in touch directly with a continuation link for the new school year around mid-June.

Payment for courses can be made using almost any debit or credit card and can be spread over several months or paid in full in advance on booking if you wish. Financial support with the cost of lessons may be available in cases of hardship; please contact Music for Life before booking if you would like to discuss this. All bookings are subject to tutor and school availability, however for September, as the tutors' timetables are completely reassembled, we can accommodate all bookings made by the 31st July.



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RAH Award

The RAH Award was presented on 15th July to Harry Harding in 9JBr. This is awarded annually to the student that has, throughout the past academic year, supported others selflessly in school. Congratulations Harry.



Orwell Youth Prize 2025

Our very talented students, Jess Kelly (10GLe) and Isabella Bocan (CBt), entered the Orwell Youth Prize where they had to produce a written piece on the theme of "Freedom is...". They produced two outstanding entries, which sadly didn't win the overall national prize, but their poem and short story deserve recognition for their mature and powerful creativity. Well done both!

Miss K Wilson – Teacher of Geography

The Great British Seaside

Year 10 Geography Students really enjoyed a day carrying out fieldwork in Llandudno. The students collected primary data to investigate the impact of coastal management on longshore drift. They studied pebble erosion and management techniques. This was a great opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of fieldwork techniques in preparation for their Paper 3 exam next summer. The weather was a marked improvement over last year, allowing students to enjoy ice cream by the sea provided they had mastered the subtle art of defending it from the gulls!

The Geography Team



National Scientific Thinking Challenge

Year 10 students took part in the National Scientific Thinking Challenge this year. The challenge involves pupils applying their scientific knowledge to different concepts and ideas that are abstract to them in an online assessment against schools from across the UK.

The Bronze Certificate was awarded to: Sophie Doyle, Ryan Evans, Orla Dancy, Oliver Warbrick-Brown, Marcelina Szczypa, Lilly Deakin, Kayla Khalil, Jacob Gearing, James Davidson, Hannah McCarthy, Grace Williams, Frankie Farmer, Finlay Russell, Evie Cannings, Ella Platt, Beth Manson, Alfie Erraji

The silver: Drummond Morgan, Gabriel Jenkins, Isla Saltiel, Jamie Bryant, Luca Owen, Teagan Ayton, Tia Kitchen

Achieving the Gold award: George Jones, Oliver Greenhough, Jack Huxley

Congratulations to all winners and participants.

Miss S Jones – KS3 Coordinator for Science

Junior Maths Challenge

The Junior Maths Challenge is a national competition held each year for the best mathematicians in years 7 and 8. This year, 15 Y7s received a bronze award and 20 Y8s. Only the top 13% of those entering receive silver certificates so the following students did incredibly well to earn silver award;

Y7 - Alfie Egan (7JSy) and Ben Weaver (7MWa)

Y8 - Ahmed Ashour (8G&H), Jamie Hann (8G&T), Elisha Heyes (8A&H), Jacek Kulawik (8G&H), Jacob Magrath (8G&H), Eilis Majid-Byrne (8KR0), Harry Newman (8KR0) and Flo Wright (8G&H).

Only the top 7% of entrants nationally manage to achieve the gold certificate so well done to the following for achieving Gold

Y7 Oscar Adams (7SJo) and Harry Buxton (7MWh).

Y8 Oliver Kirk (8A&H).

Congratulations to Harry Buxton who was invited to take part in the junior Kangaroo follow-up round (top 5% of those that enter) who went on to achieve a Bronze Kangaroo award. Well done Harry!

Mr K Lowe – Teacher of Maths

Exam Certificates

Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students - Check your postal address is correct (Exam Certificates)

Exam Certificates for this summer's exams arrive in school during November / December in the Autumn Term. If a student no longer attends Bishop Heber High School when the Exam Certificates arrive, we post their certificates to the home address we have on Arbor. It is essential that you check the address details held by school are correct and notify us of any change of address up to the end of the Autumn Term 2025.

Parents can check and update the address details we hold for students on Arbor <https://bishopheber.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index>

Alternatively, you can email the Main School Office using the email address reception@bishopheber.cheshire.sch.uk.

CORE FOUR

THE HEBER WAY



As part of The Heber Way we expect that all students will be ready to learn for each lesson and in preparation have the **CORE 4** with them. These are the essential items of school equipment that students must have:

1. School bag
2. Reading book
3. Pencil case, whiteboard + pen to include: scientific calculator, pens (black + green pen for feedback), pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler, glue stick, safety scissors, colouring pencils (items available from the Finance Office)
4. Correct exercise books* | folders | paper | P.E. kit

It is important that students remember to bring the above stationery into school as staff are not expected to provide equipment to students.

* inc. Microsoft® Teams password | Timetable | School Diary (Y7 Autumn Term only)

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Summer Reading

Year 7 students are going home this summer holiday with a reading book; thanks to the generosity of Year 9 students and parents who have donated over 270 preloved books. Well Done everyone! We hope that Year 7 enjoy reading and relaxing over the next six weeks; in September, please bring back a preloved book for next year's giveaway!

Our Extreme Reading competition is running for Year 7 through to Year 10 and we look forward to judging the entries in September 2025.

Mrs K Moreland – Teacher of English



Where is the most interesting place you have ever read a book?
Whether it is up a tree or on top of a mountain, we want your photos!

Your challenge is to take a picture of yourself reading somewhere extreme and send to Mrs Moreland via TEAMS by September 2nd 2025.

Y8 and 9 Book Swap

A huge thank you to the students in year 8 and 9 that came along for the lunch time book swap. It was wonderful to see the joy on their faces and I wish you all a happy summer of reading.

Mrs A Williams – Teacher of English



Accelerated Reader

We're thrilled to share the final Accelerated Reader results for this year. A huge well done to everyone for your hard work and dedication!

Certificates will be awarded to the top student in each class—the one who has passed the most quizzes. It's been wonderful to see such a genuine love of reading grow throughout the year. We hope you continue to enjoy getting lost in a good book.

Well done, everyone! Keep reading and keep exploring!

The results are as follows:

7A1 – 89 passed	7B1 – 236 passed
7A2E – 86 passed	7B2E – 140 passed
7A2W – 110 passed	7B2W – 89 passed
7A3 – 13 passed	7B3 – 13 passed

7A1 – Henry O'Donnell – 17 passed quizzes

7A2E – Thomas Huxley – 19 passed quizzes

7A2W – Finnlay Lodge-Brown – 57 passed quizzes

7A3 – Megan Petch – 6 passed quizzes

7B1 – Tilly Penny-Larter – 35 passed quizzes

7B2E – Hattie Russell – 13 passed quizzes

7B2W – Isaac Lawton-Roberts – 30 passed quizzes

7B3 – Elliot Carline – 4 passed quizzes

If any students are looking for some inspiration for a summer read check out our new reading list [School Year Reading Lists – 2025/2026 | Bishop Heber High School](#)

Heber Kits Find a New Home in Moldova

We're delighted to share these heartwarming photos from Chetroseni, a remote village in Moldova, where our preloved Heber PE kits have found a new lease of life. The students, who regularly visit the local stadium to play football, were thrilled to receive the kits—and even more excited to wear them.

But it wasn't just about the clothing. We've heard that the kits gave the students a real boost of confidence, helping them feel proud and united as a team.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. We hope the students of Chetroseni continue to wear their Heber kits with pride!



year and will be invited to Buckingham Palace in the next 18 months to receive the award officially. Well done!

Iestyn Brockhurst (13Klo)

Aaron Ashton (13LSt)

Carys Manson (13JPE)

Bronze Award

During the summer term many students in Year 9 and 10 have been working towards completing their Bronze DofE. Year 9 recently completed their expedition, where students navigated through 14km of countryside each day in some testing weather conditions. They demonstrated sound campcraft skills and all 79 students passed the expedition.

Pictured below: Year 9 students perfect their campcraft skills during the training weekend.



Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

Gold Award

Year 12 - Six Year 12 students enrolled onto Gold DofE back in September. They have successfully completed their training expedition in Denbighshire and will be attempting their four day Assessed Expedition around Snowdonia this September.

Below: Mr Ridley Thomas (Deputy Headteacher and Mountain Leader) helps Year 12 perfect skills of Navigation along the Offa's Dyke path in Denbighshire.



Pictured below: Students near the completion of the Assessed Expedition where they navigated across the Cheshire countryside in groups between 4 and 7 members.



Year 13 - Students have been working hard towards completing their award before they went on study leave for their A-level examinations. We are delighted that three students have completed their Gold Award this



The following Year 10 Students have completed Bronze:

Charlotte	Catherall	10Rky
James	Davidson	10AWh
Katie	Flann	10JSt
Luke	Gavan	10Rky
Cian	Hirst	10JSt
Erin	Jones	10Rky
Maxwell	McCleave	10ABl
Harry	Meakin	10ABl
Sophie	Moucher	10ABl
Sienna	Pennington	10Rky
Isla	Saltiel	10KCa

Hugo	Smith	10KCa
Ailish	Williams	10Rky
Joseph	Wright	10DUp

I am pleased to announce today we can celebrate the following 30 students achieving their Bronze Award in just seven months:

Isabelle	Andrews	9SFe
Thomas	Braun	9CBt
Connie	Carroll	9AWn
Madelaine	Crabb	9SFe
Ruby	Davis	9RWh
Charlie	Finch	9CBt
Lorna	Fisher	9CLe
Freya	Hinckley	9KCl
Maisy	Hodkinson	9CBt
Isabella	Holdcroft	9KCl
Emily	Hughes	9RWh
Jack	Hughes	9AWn
Joseph	Hughes	9JBr
Ted	Huxley	9CBt
Emily	Jones	9CBt
Ethan	Jones	9KCl
Lola	Klass	9CBt
Rose	Larsen	9CBt
Rebecca	Lewis	9AMc
Dylan	Owen	9CBt
Mia	Parry	9RWh
Cole	Roberts	9CBt
Ariana	Russell-Wynn	9CBt
Lauren	Samuels	9JBr
Holly	Shrimplin	9JBr
Florence	Wainwright	9JBr
Sophie	Wedge	9RWh
Adam	Wetton	9CLe
Henry	Wilson	9AWn
Rosie-Anne	Wylie	9JBr

Many more Year 9 students will complete their award in the Autumn term. Once again this is an outstanding achievement by all, showing a real self-motivation, determination and commitment – congratulations!

Mr T Roberts - DofE Manager

Sport

Tennis

What a fantastic week of tennis for Alfie Erraji (10 KCa) and Emlyn Walker Jones (10 ABI). Alfie – North Wales u16, and Stockport singles runner up, Emlyn – North Wales & Stockport u16 singles winner, Both – North Wales u16 doubles winners, Wales open men's doubles runners up, Wales u18 runners up.



Congratulations to the U15 boys' tennis team. After winning their Cheshire group, they beat Stockport Grammar in the semi-final and Calday Grammar in the final to become Cheshire U15 boys' champions.



Congratulations to the U15s girls' tennis team who beat Alderley Edge High School in their Cheshire League to top the group and remain undefeated.



Congratulations to Alfie Erraji (10KCa) who made it



Football

Congratulations to Josie Faithful who has just signed full pro U16 academy terms with Wolverhampton Wanderers for next season!



Congratulations to Sebby Jones (8KR0), Sam Wainwright (8H&J), Bailey Williams (8H&J) and Ben Weaver (7MWa) from year 7&8, part of the Whitchurch FC squad winning the tournament cup at Whitchurch Alport's football event.



Congratulations to Arran Caldwell (8GMO) and Fin Hay (8YCa) both selected for the Cheshire schoolboys u14 squad for next season. A fantastic achievement.



Cross Country

Congratulations to Emilia Pyper (10 Rky), Eleanor Wheeler (10 ABI), Beth Manson (10 DUUp) and Nia Manson (8G&T) who were all selected to represent Cheshire at the Northern athletics Intercounties event in York.



Rounders

U13's placed second at the C+D rounders tournament. Lost to Kings who were on top form. Well done girls!



Year 7 played some great games at the Chester and District Rounders tournament. Unfortunately, we didn't make it through to the semi-finals, but a great experience for all. Well done girls!



Cricket

Congratulations to our U13 cricket team who kicked off their Crash & Bash competition with a victory over Kings, Chester.



Taekwondo

Congratulations to Sophie Hewitt (7MWh) who competed in the ITFU Taekwondo British Championships and came first winning the gold medal in the under 13's. Such an amazing achievement. Well done.



Swimming

Approximately 60 of Ireland's top swimmers gathered at the University of Limerick for a four-day national competition—and we are thrilled to share that Noelle has returned home with a **National Bronze Medal** in the 50m freestyle!

Noelle's performance throughout the event was outstanding. She qualified for the evening finals in **7 out of 8 events**, consistently placing in the **top 10** during the heats. Her dedication, focus, and competitive spirit truly shone through on the national stage.

A huge congratulations to Noelle (7MWa) on this incredible achievement—we are all so proud!



Horse Racing

On the 18th of May at Tabley House, Verity Trevanion (10KCA) gained first place at yet another Champion/Leading jockey award 2025 out of the whole of the UK pony racing series and she is currently the highest ranked female jockey 2025 onboard superstar pony Bongo Bay.



Kart Racing

Congratulations to Callum Graham (7S&W) who at Sherington Kart Club, secured 2nd place plus breaking the lap record! A brilliant debut with his new team, DK Academy, who dominated the podium with Callum's teammates finishing 1st and 3rd.



A huge thank to Simon Morait at Tyre Suppliers for the sponsorship of the new set of netball dresses for our current Year 8 squads. The girls will certainly look the part this season!



Amazing achievement by Bishop Heber on being awarded the Platinum Sporks Mark Award! This is awarded to the schools that have achieved the gold mark for the last four years. A big thank you to the PE department, staff, students and parents who have helped us achieve this award.



Post Heber Success

Good luck to former students Safia Middleton Patel and her Welsh National team playing at the Women's Euro Championships!



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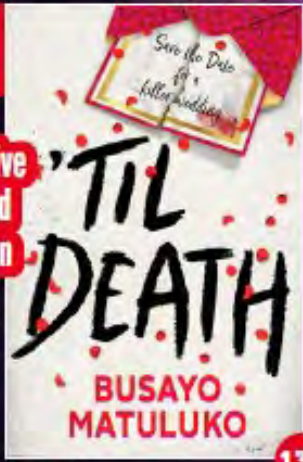


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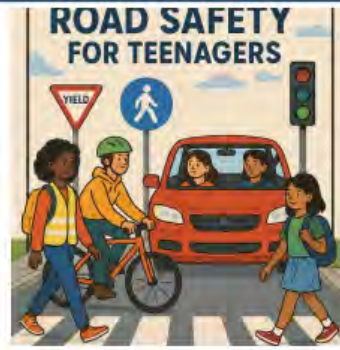
Road accidents are the **leading cause of death** for 15–19-year-olds globally.

Teens are **3x more likely** to be involved in a crash than adults.

Why?

- Peer pressure can cause young people to behave in unsafe ways near the road.
- Young people are at further risk owing to longer journeys to and from school with friends or on their own.

Staying Safe @ Heber – July 2025



SMART CHOICES SAVES LIVES

Plan your route: Know where you're going and how to get there safely.

Walking home after dark: Stick to well-lit paths.

Stay sober: Never get in a car with someone who has been drinking or using drugs.

Buddy system: Walk or cycle with friends when possible.

No phones while walking: Especially near crossings or in car parks.

Avoid social media in transit: Stay aware of your surroundings.

BE CYCLE SMART

Wear a helmet: It reduces the risk of serious head injury by up to 70%.

Be visible: Use lights and wear reflective clothing, especially in winter.

Follow the rules: Obey traffic signals and ride in the same direction as traffic.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Stay alert: No texting or headphones when crossing roads.

Use crossings: Always use zebra crossings, pelican crossings or footbridges.

Look both ways: Even if the light is green, check for turning vehicles.

PASSENGER AWARENESS

Buckle up: Always wear a seatbelt, even in the back seat.

Speak up: If the driver is distracted or speeding, say something.

No distractions: Don't distract the driver with loud music.

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LAMDA

Acting lessons in school

- For the first time, and exclusively at Bishop Heber High, Music for Life will be offering LAMDA Acting lessons this year.
- Chloe Rigby, the singing tutor who visits the school, has completed training with LAMDA and is able to offer these exam courses from entry level to Grade 8. Initially, she will only be offering solo acting, not duologue, so this will be suited to individual lessons rather than shared.



TO SIGN UP

please book as singing lessons
then add a note to the additional
information box to say that you
would like LAMDA Acting classes.

www.musicforlife.org.uk
admin@musicforlife.org.uk

01244 728 922



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:

Casio Scientific Calculator fx-83GTX £10.50

Casio Classwiz Scientific Calculator fx-83GTX £20.50

Gum Shield £2.50

Core 4 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? They may be entitled to some financial support for curriculum related day trips and visits.

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?

You will qualify if you are receiving one of the following benefits;

Income Support

Income Based Jobseekers Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed

£16,190.

- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than

£7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Do you receive Working Tax credit?

If you or a partner receive Working Tax Credit regardless of income, you will not qualify for free school meals.

Free School Meals Helpline - 0300 123 7039

Free School Meals Information –

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/.../schoolmeals.aspx>

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