

The Eagle



Culcheth High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of the 2026-27 academic year and I hope that everybody has had a wonderful and restful summer break. I would particularly like to welcome our Year 7 students, parents and carers to the Culcheth High School community and look forward to working with you all. Our Year 7 students have made an impressive start to life at Culcheth High School.

Students and staff have returned from the summer holiday in great spirits with the school enjoying an excellent start to the year as we remind ourselves what being part of Culcheth High School really means to everyone.

As we begin this new academic year, I have been extremely pleased with the first few weeks back, as students and staff have returned with a renewed energy, enthusiasm and optimism for the year ahead. Our 'start of the year' messages to students and staff remains consistent, which is that we expect the highest standards in everything that we do, to enable us to 'be the best that we can be.' Staff and students have been asked to reflect upon and embody our school values of Respect, Honesty and Excellence in everything that we do at Culcheth High School and in our local community.

As we start the new academic year, I would just like to remind parents/carers about the importance of punctuality to school and good attendance to school. Simply, if students are not in school on time or not in school at all, then their learning, progress and educational experiences are hindered greatly. The Educational research highlights the short-term and long-term impact of poor attendance for the future opportunities of young people in realising their ambitions and potential. Please support the school by valuing good punctuality and attendance to school by regularly discussing this and encouraging this with your child/children.

Everyone at Culcheth High School is really looking forward to the new academic year with plans in place for many exciting opportunities and developments for the whole school community. Good luck to everyone for the 2026-27 school year!

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Mr C P Hunt, Headteacher

Exam Results 2026

GCSE Results Day 2026 at Culcheth High School was a great day celebrating individual success, collective success and the end of a five-year journey for our Year 11 students – Class of 2026. Congratulations to you all on making it to the end of your time at Culcheth High School!

This year's GCSE results for Culcheth High School are a testament to the hard work, determination and resilience of the students who have risen to the challenge of their examinations, ably supported by the brilliant Culcheth High School staff.

On behalf of the staff and governors of Culcheth High School, I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on their excellent GCSE exam results. There have also been some fantastic individual performances, which reflect the hard work of the students in their GCSE studies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their efforts and wish them all the very best in their next steps.

We are delighted with and very proud of our students' achievements, and I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication and hard work which have supported this level of achievement through the GCSE courses.

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents and guardians who have supported the students and school to help our young people achieve this level of success in their GCSE examinations.

Culcheth High School's 2026 GCSE Results aren't just down to the examinations sat in the summer term but are a result of five years of dedication, enthusiasm and hard work on behalf of everyone in our school community. Students have achieved what they fully deserve and it fills us with pride that they leave Culcheth High School to start their next chapter in their journey.

All students leave us after contributing so much to our school community, showing us that they can be the best that they can be and upholding our school values of Respect, Honesty and Excellence. We wish every single student from Culcheth High School's Class of 2026, all the very best for the future. Good Luck!

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Key School Dates

24th September 2026
Year 9 Parental Evening

1st October 2026
School Open Evening

2nd October 2026
INSET Day

15th October 2026
Pastoral Parents' Information Evening

6th November 2026
Year 10 GCSE Information Evening

Monday Week 2

21st September 2026

5th October 2026

19th October 2026

9th November 2026

23rd November 2026

7th December 2026

Publication Dates

6th November 2026

18th December 2026

5th February 2027

25th March 2027

21st May 2027

9th July 2027

Exam Success 2026 Continued...

Individual Student Performances

We would especially like to congratulate a number of our students for their individual academic success and some outstanding personal progress. This year group has demonstrated tremendous commitment and resilience, with some notable individual academic success alongside some outstanding personal progress.

Our highest attainers across the board include Jason Stafford, Emily Hall, Daniel Adams, Lena Ramanah-Beck and Daisy Pryce, while Keeva Agnew, Eva Filipe and Edward Mellor achieved an outstanding Grade 9 in English, and Daniel Adams, Henry Huyne, Daisy Pryce and Jason Stafford achieved Grade 9s in Maths.

We are also incredibly proud of the fantastic progress made by Nella Kocis, Jake Lowndes-Cooke, Katie Lawson, Charlotte Matthews, Edward Mellor, Emily Turton, Megan Watson and Liam Wrobel. Particular recognition must also go to Owen Robertson, Rebecca Eastburn, Lucy Black, Oliver Jones and Jenny Huddart, who have achieved excellent results while overcoming personal challenges.

These results reflect not only academic ability, but the hard work, determination and resilience shown by our students. We are immensely proud of every member of our Year 11 cohort and wish them every success as they take their next steps beyond Culcheth High School.



New Staff at Culcheth High School

The start of a new school year also brings new members of staff to the school. We welcome four new members of staff to the Culcheth High School community. I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the best for the years ahead at the school.

Miss Collier (Teacher of MFL)	Miss Cowper (Teacher of MFL)
Miss White (Teacher of Design Technology)	Mr Dos (ILC Manager)

Parking Around School

A note for parents who drive students to school and use the school car park, Withington Avenue and Culcheth Hall Drive. If you drop your child off or collect them from school, please use the drop-off bay in the school car park or, if using Withington Avenue or Culcheth Hall Drive:

- Please drive slowly – children are crossing to and from the ginnel
- Please park considerably so that driveways are not blocked and grass verges are not damaged
- Please do not use residents' driveways to turn

Please also be reminded not to use the primary school car park

School Uniform 2026-27

School uniform for 2026-27 has not changed, however there are a number of points that parents/carers need to be aware of:

1. The 'School Shoe Guidance' that remains applicable for 2026-27 is available on the school website, along with the 2026-27 uniform statement and the **3G Pitch Footwear and Guidance**.
2. Hairstyles must be suitable for school. (Extreme hairstyles including patterns, lines or indentations shaved or sculptured onto the hair are not acceptable. Other examples include 'Mohicans', 'Skinheads' and inappropriate use of natural coloured dye to create clashing and/or extreme hair colour patterns. Non-natural colours are not acceptable.)
3. Excessive make-up is unnecessary and inappropriate and must not be worn; this includes false eyelashes and fake tan

Parent Code of Conduct

Unfortunately, Culcheth High School has had to adopt a 'Parent Code of Conduct' following an increase in incidents of inappropriate behaviour, from parents, towards members of staff in school. It is a simple code that outlines the school's expectations of parental conduct when communicating with school, examples of behaviour that will not be tolerated and the steps the school will take if inappropriate behaviour, from parents, takes place. The 'Parent Code of Conduct' can be found on the home page of the school website and also in the school policies section.

Student Possessions and Belongings

Students' possessions and belongings that they bring into school are their own responsibility and, as such, students must take care of them. We provide every student with a locker where they can store their belongings and possessions throughout the school day.

Given the expense of some of the items that students now bring into school, they do so at their own risk. The school can accept no responsibility or liability for loss, damage or theft of personal items. Often students bring expensive items into school that are not required for school; we discourage this, but we also encourage students to look after their personal possessions such as coats, phones, watches etc. ensuring that they don't misplace them or leave them unattended. It is not the responsibility of school staff to search for missing items, due to the impact this would have on missed learning time.

Please be aware that, from September 2025, CHS is a 'phone-free school' and mobile technology should be placed in the students' Yondr pouches all day.

Useful Dates for Parents 2026-27

Please find below a calendar of key events for parents; we hope this is useful in giving you early notice of some important dates for your child's progress.

17 th September 2026	Year 11 GCSE Information Evening	22 nd April 2027	Year 8 Parents' Evening (A Side)
24 th September 2026	Year 9 Parental Evening	29 th April 2027	Year 8 Parents' Evening (B Side)
1 st October 2026	School Open Evening	10 th May 2027	Commencement of Public Exams
2 nd October 2026	INSET Day	10 th June 2027	Year 7 Parents' Evening (A Side)
15 th October 2026	Pastoral Parents' Evening	11 th June 2027	Year 10 Final Reports sent home
5 th November 2026	Year 10 GCSE Information Evening	17 th June 2027	Year 7 Parents' Evening (B Side)
19 th November 2026	Year 9 Parents' Evening (A Side)	18 th June 2027	End of Public Exams
26 th November 2025	Year 9 Parents' Evening (B Side)	18 th June 2027	Year 9 Final Reports send home
16 th -20 th November 2026	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (1)	23 rd June 2027	Exam Board Contingency Day
8 th -10 th December 2026	School Production	25 th June 2027	Year 8 Final Reports sent home
15 th December 2026	School Christmas Event	29 th June 2027	Induction Evening for Year 6 Parents
14 th January 2027	Year 11 Parents' Evening (A Side)	1 st July 2026	Year 7 Final Reports sent home
21 st January 2027	Year 11 Parents' Evening (B Side)	TBC	Year 11 Prom
4 th February 2027	Year 9 Options Evening	30 th June-1 st July 2027	Induction Days for Year 6 Students
8 th -12 th February 2027	Year 11 Pre-Public Exams (2)	6 th July 2027	Sports Day
3 rd March 2027	Annual Careers Fair (provisional)	8 th July 2027	Celebration Evening
4 th March 2027	Year 10 Parents' Evening (A Side)	15 th July 2027	Rewards Event / CHS Memorial Day
11 th March 2027	Year 10 Parents' Evening (B Side)	19 th August 2027	GCSE Results Day
19 th March 2027	Year 11 Final Reports sent home		

Celebration Evening 2026

On Thursday 9th July, we were delighted to welcome students, families, staff and governors to our 2026 Celebration Evening, an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions of our students across all five year groups.

With over 100 awards presented throughout the evening, students were recognised for their outstanding achievement, exceptional effort and valuable contributions to our school community. Each award reflected the many different ways in which our students demonstrate the values that underpin life at Culcheth High School: Respect, Honesty and Excellence.

The evening also provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase the breadth of talent within our school. Guests were treated to a fantastic programme of musical, dance and gymnastics performances, highlighting the creativity, confidence, dedication and commitment of our students.

A number of prestigious awards were presented during the evening. The Headteacher Award was presented to Teona Bate, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the school community. Teona has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to supporting others, including leading a British Sign Language Club for fellow students and sharing her skills and knowledge with others.

The Patric Wilson Award for Endeavour was awarded to Emily Hall, recognising her remarkable determination and commitment to achieving her very best. Throughout Year 11, Emily successfully balanced an elite-level swimming training schedule alongside her GCSE studies, while continuing to achieve outstanding grades. Her dedication and resilience are a fantastic example of excellence through endeavour.

The Governors Award was presented to Daniel Adams, who was recognised for embodying our #WeAreCHS mantra every single day. Daniel consistently demonstrated the qualities we value as a school and has made a positive contribution to our community through his attitude, conduct and commitment.

Celebration Evening was a fitting way to recognise the achievements of so many exceptional young people. While the awards celebrated individual success, the evening also highlighted the importance of effort, perseverance, kindness, contribution and supporting others. We are incredibly proud of all of our students and the way they continue to represent #WeAreCHS.



Attendance at Culcheth High School

To report an absence, please ring the absence line on 01925 768577. If you receive a text message from school, regarding an absence, please ring back to inform us of the reason for absence so that we can ensure it is coded correctly on our registers.

If you need any help or support, you can contact your child's Progress Leader (PL) or the relevant Pastoral Student Support Officer (PSSO) for the year group:

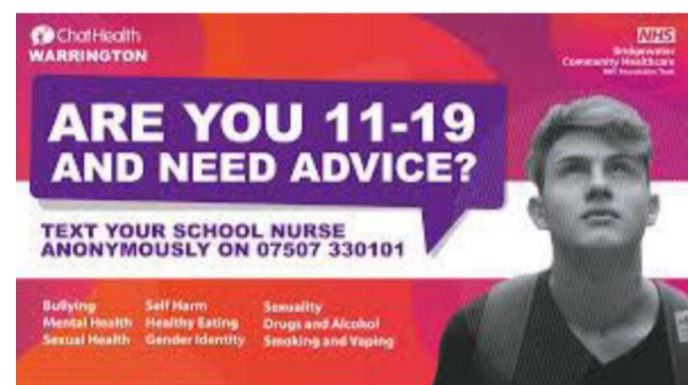
Year Group	Progress Leader/PSSO	Email Address
Year 7	Miss Crane (PL) Miss Creighton (PSSO)	ocr@culchethhigh.org.uk rcr@culchethhigh.org.uk
Year 8	Mr Graham (PL) Miss Barlow (PSSO)	cgr@culchethhigh.org.uk abl@culchethhigh.org.uk
Year 9	Miss Hilton (PL) Mrs Saffery (PSSO)	sa@culchethhigh.org.uk ssa@culchethhigh.org.uk
Year 10	Mr Hamer (PL) TBC (PSSO)	cha@culchethhigh.org.uk TBC
Year 11	Miss Butler (PL) Mrs Waddington (PSSO)	kb@culchethhigh.org.uk swa@culchethhigh.org.uk

Safeguarding at CHS

Safeguarding Team:

Designated Senior Lead-	Mrs Brearley
Safeguarding Team	- Mrs Saffery
	- Miss Barlow
	- Mrs Waddington
	- Mr Cushing
	- Mr Brown
	- Mr Hunt

On the school website, in the pastoral section, there is a link to 'Care, Support and Guidance' where there are many educational resources, advice and tips for both parents and students across a range of safeguarding issues. Please feel free to discuss any safeguarding concerns with a member of the team.



SOS CHS
Student Voice

Email from your school Google account

soschs@culchethhigh.net



Youth in Mind at Warrington Youth Zone

Youth In Mind is a free and discrete drop-in service for young people aged 7-19 (up to 25 with additional needs) who are experiencing problems relating to their emotional wellbeing.

Opening Hours
Monday to Sunday
3.30pm - 7.30pm

Open 7 Days
a Week

Free &
Discrete

No appointment
or referral is
necessary.



The service is commissioned by Cheshire & Merseyside NHS as part of 'Warrington Place' Starting Well plans to support 'Children and Young Peoples Emotional and Mental Health & Wellbeing'. The project delivery is a partnership between Warrington Youth Zone and Merseycare 'Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services' (CAMHS). WYZ Charity Number: 1101086

CHS Fest 2026

The end of the summer term saw many students across the school participate in our annual rewards event CHS Fest. Students were able to spend time on a range of large inflatables, including a 100ft obstacle course and a rodeo bull. For students who preferred a less active reward, there was a chill-out zone, Wii, crazy golf, and the wonderful alpacas from Woodland Alpaca Farm.

Summer festival music was played during the event, from our very own CHS radio, and students also had the opportunity to buy iced treats from the visiting ice-cream van, sweets and drinks from our Young Enterprise group, face painting and hair feathers and headbands.

We also had a range of agencies raising safety and awareness in preparation for the summer holidays such as the Fire Service, Change Grow Live and Warrington Youth Service who brought in their bus. They were raising awareness to support our students in keeping safe over the summer break with information around water safety, drugs and alcohol and risky behaviours. The students had a fabulous time and we are already planning next year's CHS Fest 2027.

We would like to thank the following for their contributions to our event: Psycho Peacock for the printing of our amazing banners, Go Bouncy for all the inflatables, Woodland Alpaca Farm, Charlie's Ice creams, Lancashire Crazy Golf and all the staff who made the event possible and such a great success, alongside our visitors from the Youth Service, Change Grow Live and Cheshire Fire and Rescue.

This activity took place on the same day as the school's Memorial Non-Uniform Day where money is raised for Teenage Cancer Trust, Claire House and Mind. Money is still being donated and the total raised is not yet known – however, the school is very proud of the student/staff contribution to this excellent cause, and thanks parents and the community for its continued support.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Shaping Our Students' Future: Personal Development and RSHE at CHS

We want to share a quick update on how we are refreshing our Personal Development (PD) curriculum to ensure our students grow up safe, confident, and prepared for modern life. While the Department for Education's updated RSHE guidance has become mandatory as of September 2026, we have already rolled out our updated plan for this school year, so our students get the support they need right now.

What Students Are Learning In Personal Development This Year:

- **Year 7:** Puberty and hygiene routines (including tailored support for sensory or physical needs), understanding invisible disabilities, and plain facts on vaping and nicotine risks.
- **Year 8:** Hands-on emergency first aid (CPR and defibrillators), legal boundaries around knife crime, and how the youth justice system protects young people.
- **Year 9:** Digital literacy, spotting AI deepfakes, recognising online disinformation, and examining how disability is portrayed in the media.
- **Year 10:** Key health topics like Endometriosis and PCOS (polycystic ovary syndrome), legal protections against physical harm, and clear, age-appropriate instruction on the legal facts of biological sex and gender reassignment.
- **Year 11:** Practical adulthood skills—disability rights in the workplace, navigating support grants like PIP (Personal Independence Payments), and reproductive health.

Inclusion and Daily Support:

Disability awareness and inclusion aren't a one-off assembly topic—they are built into everyday lessons. We adjust our teaching in real-time so every student gets what they need:

- **Clear glossaries & visual guides** to help break down complex social and emotional topics.
- **Flexible lesson support** so every student can reach ambitious learning goals regardless of their starting point.
- **Guided classroom debate** to teach students how to discuss sensitive topics with respect and care.

Our staff focus purely on keeping lessons factual, evidence-based, and neutral, giving young people a safe environment to learn without bias.

Parent Action Checklist:

- ✓ **Review our policy:** Check out the full RSHE curriculum overview on the Culcheth High School website.
- ✓ **Have your say:** Feel free to discuss any thoughts with /direct any questions to Ms Shaw, Personal Development Lead.
- ✓ **Know your choices:** Remember you can contact the Headteacher if you wish to discuss withdrawing your child from non-statutory sex education.

Low-Pressure Chat Tips for Home:

- **Little and often:** Talk about health and relationships in short, casual moments during everyday routines instead of holding one big, intimidating sit-down.
- **Listen without panic:** If your child brings up a surprising topic, staying calm keeps the door open for future conversations.
- **Look it up together:** If they ask a tough question you can't answer off the top of your head, make it a team effort to find a reliable answer.

For specific questions about health team visits or to discuss any topic in detail, contact the school office to speak with our Personal Development Curriculum Lead.

Pupil Premium Update

A Warm Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome back our Year 8–11 students, and a very special welcome to our new Year 7s as they begin their journey with us. A huge congratulations also goes to our Year 11 PP leavers, who achieved some fantastic GCSE results. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and achievements and wish them every success as they move on to further education.

FSM Changes:

Free School Meals – Important Update

September has been an exceptionally busy period for the Pupil Premium Team, particularly with the changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that came into effect at the start of this academic year.

From September 2026, all students from households receiving Universal Credit are now entitled to a free school meal.

There are two categories of eligibility: Targeted FSM, for families receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less, and Expanded FSM, for other households receiving Universal Credit.

We strongly encourage all families who think they may be eligible and have not had confirmation of their child receiving free school meals for this academic year to complete a new application to ensure your child is receiving the support they are entitled to.

Application forms can be found on your local council's website. On the Culcheth High School website, you will also find a PDF version of the Warrington Borough Council application form. If you have any questions or need support with an FSM application, please don't hesitate to contact the Pupil Premium Team directly. We are always happy to help.

- PPteam@culchethhigh.org.uk

- cwe@culchethhigh.org.uk - (PP Progress Leader - Mrs West)

We have lots of exciting opportunities and events coming up for our Pupil Premium students, so keep an eye out for future updates. We look forward to sharing and celebrating their successes throughout this academic year.

Careers Update

Work Experience

This year marked an exciting milestone for Culcheth High School as we launched our first full Year 10 work experience programme. Designed to give students a meaningful insight into the world of work, the programme saw over 200 students successfully placed across a wide range of industries, with additional students supported through an in-school careers programme. The feedback from employers has been overwhelmingly positive and highlights the impact this opportunity has had on our students' confidence, professionalism and aspirations.

Students represented the school exceptionally well in a variety of professional environments. Employers consistently praised their attitude, engagement and willingness to learn. One placement within a hospital setting noted that the student had "coped well in a large office and appears to be building confidence," while another employer working within the legal sector shared that their student was "engaging and professional," gaining valuable experience observing court proceedings and client conferences.

Many students were given the opportunity to take on real responsibility. One student working in finance researched and published a full article on financial literacy for teenagers, receiving excellent feedback for her work. Others supported event planning, social media marketing and lesson delivery in schools, demonstrating creativity and initiative. At Active Sport Warrington, a student was commended for their "amazing attitude and manners," with staff noting that these qualities would take them far in the future.

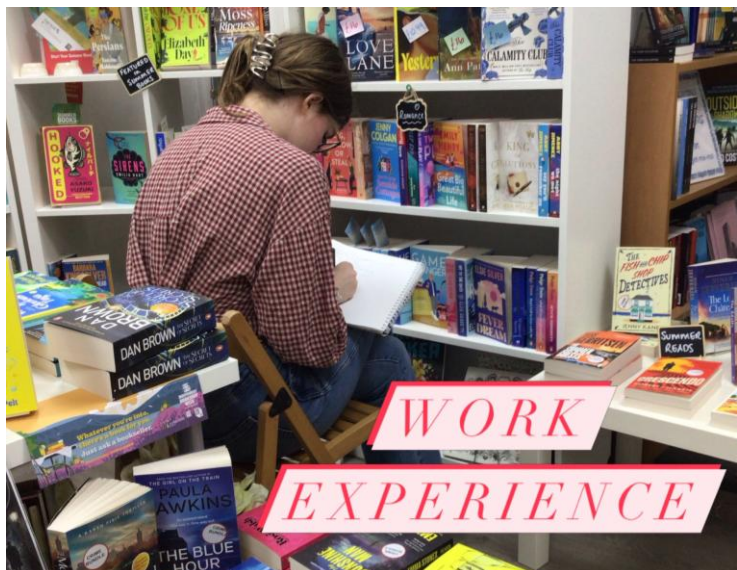
Primary school placements were particularly impactful, with several students supporting teaching and learning in classrooms. One employer described their student as "fantastic... using her initiative so well when helping individual children and leading activities," while another commented that their student was "a star" and a pleasure to welcome back into their former school. These experiences not only developed key employability skills but also inspired some students to consider careers in education.

Across all sectors, from engineering and accountancy to universities and sports organisations, students embraced every opportunity. They explored advanced technologies such as 3D printing and laser scanning, supported business operations, and gained insight into modern workplaces. Employers frequently highlighted students' curiosity, with one noting how their student was "asking a lot of key questions and showing lots of interest," while another praised a student's enthusiasm and willingness to "get stuck in with all activities."

For some students, the week was transformative. Initial nerves quickly turned into confidence, with one employer sharing that their student "was nervous at first but after an hour settled in really well" and went on to thoroughly enjoy the experience. Others described the week as "the best time," demonstrating just how valuable and memorable these placements have been.

We are incredibly grateful to all of our employer partners who supported this programme and provided such high-quality experiences for our students. Their commitment to developing young people and offering real insight into the workplace has been invaluable.

This first year of work experience has been a resounding success. It has strengthened our careers provision, supported students in making informed decisions about their futures, and reinforced the importance of building strong links between education and employment. We are excited to build on this success in the years ahead and continue to provide meaningful, high-quality opportunities for all our students. Thank you to everyone involved in making this programme such a success



Careers Update Continued

Taster Days

Following a successful work experience programme, and with a renewed sense of motivation and ambition, Year 10 students took the next step in exploring their futures by attending a series of college taster days. Building on the confidence and skills developed during their placements, these visits provided an excellent opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences and begin considering the pathways available to them after Year 11.

Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit Winstanley College as part of our expanding careers programme, giving them a valuable insight into sixth form life. During the visit, students took part in a range of A Level-style taster lessons across subjects such as science, humanities and creative disciplines. These sessions were designed to mirror the pace and expectations of post-16 academic study, helping students to understand the increased level of independence and critical thinking required. Students also had the chance to explore the campus, speak with staff and current students, and ask questions about subject combinations, entry requirements and progression routes to university. This experience was particularly beneficial for those considering a more academic pathway, helping them to reflect on their strengths and future ambitions.

At Warrington Vale Royal College, students were introduced to a wide variety of vocational and technical courses, offering a contrasting but equally valuable perspective on post-16 education. The day focused on hands-on, practical learning, with students engaging in activities linked to areas such as construction, health and social care, engineering and digital industries. They were able to experience industry-standard facilities and gain an understanding of how vocational courses are structured to lead directly into apprenticeships or employment. Staff shared information about career pathways and the skills employers are looking for, helping students to see the clear link between education and the workplace. For many, this visit opened their eyes to alternative routes they may not have previously considered, particularly those who thrive in practical, skills-based environments.

Students also visited Priestley College, where they experienced a broad and balanced curriculum that combines both academic and vocational options. The day included a carousel of engaging taster sessions, allowing students to explore a range of subjects while also gaining a feel for the wider college environment. In addition to lessons, students were introduced to enrichment opportunities such as clubs, trips and student leadership programmes, highlighting the wider experiences available beyond the classroom. The visit provided a well-rounded overview of college life, including the support systems in place to help students succeed both academically and personally. Many students found this visit particularly helpful in comparing different post-16 settings, enabling them to begin thinking more confidently about the pathway that best suits their interests and goals.

Overall, these experiences have played a vital role in inspiring our students, raising aspirations, and ensuring they feel confident, informed and excited as they begin planning their next steps beyond Year 11.

Head Students 2026-27

We are delighted to announce our new Head Students for 2026. Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl are Olive Ashby and Alice Iredale respectively, and Head Boy and Deputy Head Boy are Dalton Edwards and Alex Buffey respectively.

The decision-making process was not an easy one, with over 40 students applying for the roles. Candidates had to write a letter of application explaining why they felt that they were suitable for the role, and explaining what they would bring to it. Candidates then had to present to each other on what #WeAreCHS meant to them.

From this, we selected a shortlist of 12 students who were interviewed by Mrs Waddington, Mr Cushing, and Miss Butler. We then had the unenviable task of selecting our Head Students. All students excelled during the day, and should be very proud of themselves. It was a pleasure to spend the day with them.





FOCUS ON SPORT



Sports Day

Tuesday 7th July saw this year's running of our annual Sports Day, with students from our four house teams of Brunel, Currie, King and Shakespeare competing against each other with the aim of becoming both year group and whole school champions. After last year's championship, which saw four new school records set, this year's event had a lot to live up to, but our students never fail to raise the bar, and some truly excellent performances saw another six records fall.

The first two new records were set by Year 7 students Emilia Guy in the 300m and then Luna Saunders in the 100m. Amelia shaved 0.2 seconds off the old record, which shows just how important it is to keep pushing yourself all the way to the finish line. Luna then smashed the existing 100m record by 0.79 seconds, which is a huge margin in this event, so she may well be one to look out for in the future! Our next record of the day was set by Year 8's Freya Booth, recording an outstanding distance of 9m12cm in the shot putt. This extends the old record by a massive 1m 21cm, which is a truly fantastic achievement.

Not to be upstaged by the girls, our Year 9 and 10 boys then set the final three records of the day. Sid Davies of Year 9 was first up, setting a 1500m time of 4mins 40.38secs, to beat the one school record that I didn't think I'd ever see broken. This record was held by Oli Davenport, and those of you who know him probably won't be hugely surprised that he hit straight back by breaking the Year 10 record in a time of 4mins 32.75secs. Challenge set for next year Sid!! Our final record of the day was set in the 300m by Hayden Henderson of Year 9. His time of 40.92secs took a full 1.39secs off the existing record, another truly outstanding performance.

For the overall sports day results, please see the inter-house competition section of the newsletter.



Warrington Inter-School Athletics Championships

Just two days after our own Sports Day, our top athletes were participating in the the annual Warrington Athletics Championships, and our students returned some truly outstanding performances. Phoebe Smith, Estelle Gumbs, Isabella Evaristo, Anya Rothwell, Hayden Henderson, Bella Parkinson, Harry Millar, Pippa Wall, Aaron Fogg, Sid Davies, Oli Davenport and Archie Hopkins were all crowned Warrington Champions in their respective events. And as if becoming town champion isn't an impressive enough feat, Archie Hopkins broke the championship record in the shot putt, recording 13.00metres to break the Year 9 record that had stood since 2007. Backed up by numerous 2nd and 3rd placed finishes, and many other great performances, surely this year would see us win the championship??

In the end, we just missed out on glory. The boys team took second place, and the girls took third, to give us an overall position of second place, just behind reigning champions Lymm High School. This is the second year in a row that we have finished as runners up to Lymm, so if we can now just find a little bit more, maybe we can beat them next year!

Girls Rugby Success

During the summer term, our Year 9 Girls Rugby League team played in the Warrington Nines Rugby League tournament, run by the Warrington Wolves. Over three rounds of qualifying fixtures, the girls established themselves as one of the top two teams, and so qualified for the final at Victoria Park's Asics Stadium.

They faced the daunting prospect of playing the reigning champions, Beamont Collegiate Academy, who had remained unbeaten through the qualifying rounds, including in three matches against us. But despite Beamont being worthy favourites for this match, we knew from our previous meetings that we had it within ourselves to cause them problems - we would just have to ensure that we executed our game plan flawlessly!!

Culcheth made an excellent start, getting straight on the front foot and scoring the first try of the match. But as expected, Beamont hit straight back at us to level the match. We exchanged scores again before half time to go into the break at 2 tries apiece. The second half continued in much the same way as the first, with brilliant spells of breathtaking end-to-end rugby, and it was no real surprise when the score was tied 4-4 at full time.

This meant the final was to be decided by the highly pressurised "golden point", where the first team to score wins. Cometh the hour, cometh the woman, as Estelle Gumbs stepped up to score an outstanding try to seal the title for Culcheth. We were so proud of each and every one of the girls, who showed just how much can be achieved if you truly believe in yourself and your team-mates!





INTER-HOUSE EVENTS



Inter-House Events 2026-27

Following a successful first year of inter-house competition, we are excited to build on the enthusiasm, pride and healthy rivalry that our house system has created across the school. Throughout the year, students from Brunel, Curie, King and Shakespeare will once again have opportunities to represent their House in a wide range of activities and events. Our inter-house programme is about much more than simply winning.

It provides opportunities for students to get involved, work as part of a team, demonstrate leadership and represent their house with pride. Whether competing in sport, academic challenges, creative activities or other events, every student has the chance to contribute. The inter-house system remains an important part of our school community, bringing students together while continuing to promote our core values of Respect, Honesty and Excellence. We look forward to seeing students embrace the opportunities ahead and represent their house with pride.



Inter-House Sports Day

Sports Day was another fantastic celebration of competition, teamwork and house spirit, with students across the school playing their part in contributing valuable points to the overall inter-house competition.

While individual performances and records deserve their own recognition, the success of each house was built on the participation and teamwork of every student. Points were earned not only through finishing at the top of an event, but through taking part, achieving personal bests, supporting teammates, and representing their house with pride. Every contribution mattered, with individual event positions feeding into both year-group and overall house standings.

The year-group competitions produced some excellent performances. King took the Year 7 title with 1,097 points, while Brunel narrowly claimed Year 8, finishing just two points ahead of Curie. King were again victorious in Year 9, with Curie and Shakespeare completing the top three, while King also finished first in Year 10. These results demonstrate the strength of competition across the houses and the importance of every student contributing to their team's total.

The overall Sports Day standings made for an incredibly close finish. Shakespeare were crowned Sports Day champions with 3,910 points, just three points ahead of King, who finished on 3,907. Curie were only 12 points further behind on 3,895, while Brunel finished fourth with 3,608 points.

The final standings are a brilliant illustration of why participation matters. With the competition so close, every race, field event, personal best and finishing position could make a difference. Sports Day was not simply about the students who stood on the podium; it was about everyone who competed, encouraged others and helped their house earn points.

A huge well done to all students who took part and represented their House. Your enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment made Sports Day a great success and contributed to another exciting chapter in our inter-house competition.



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Overall

RESPECT
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1st Shakespeare 3910pts



2nd King 3907pts

3rd Curie 3895pts

4th Brunel 3608pts

CHS in the Community - Year 8

William took part in the 2026 World Bog Snorkelling Championships in Llanwrtyd Wells, Wales. William, who swims for Warrington Warriors, also took in the full 120-yard championship course and was crowned Junior Male Champion.

William particularly enjoyed the eccentric atmosphere surrounding the championships and seeing the many charity and fancy-dress competitors. He is now a world junior male champion for bog snorkelling and is eager to go back and beat his time of 02:09:75. We are extremely proud of William, and we know he will go on to achieve great things in his school and sporting career.



CHS in the Community - Year 9

James has been racing in the Daniel Ricciardo Series junior category DRS100, which has been tough – he is racing against other boys up to 16 years old and his lack of physical strength has been a slight handicap. He is generally in the midst of the races, usually in the P10-P15 range. He managed his best finish of P9 last time out at Hooton Park; he was only one place and a couple of seconds off Top Rookie. He is currently 13th in the championship (and 3rd rookie) with two rounds to go.

James also races in the Club100 North Cadet championship – it is his last year in Cadets as they move up to Juniors aged 13. Despite having missed two rounds due to date clashes with DRS, he stands 6th in the championship with one round remaining, having won the most recent round at PF International near Newark a week ago.

Finally, over the summer both James and his brother Sam have qualified again for the local finals of the British Indoor Karting Championship this year. James is in the Junior category and the local final is on 16th September in Manchester.

James is clearly someone to watch in the world of karting and we can't wait to hear about more of his successes!



DofE: Sunshine, Navigation Detours and Staggered World Cup Celebrations

At the end of the summer term, our Duke of Edinburgh participants took on their expeditions during what turned out to be one of the hottest weekends of the year. Armed with heavy packs, high SPF, and plenty of water, our Year 9 bronze students tackled two days of walking, while the Year 10 silver group pushed through a tough three-day route.

Navigating in high temperatures is never easy, and a few groups took the scenic route. One notable team found themselves slightly off course in Delamere Forest. Rather than panicking while waiting for supervisors to redirect them, they made the most of the delay by testing out the forest's outdoor fitness course—proving that DofE spirit is alive and well, even when lost.

Saturday evening at camp brought a different kind of challenge: finding a way to watch the England v Norway match. With no local venues able to fit our whole group, students and staff adapted, crowding around phones and iPads in small clusters. Because every device was streaming with a slightly different lag, goal celebrations erupted across the campsite at totally different times—a chaotic, hilarious highlight of the trip.

Despite the scorching weather, sore feet, and heavy kit, every single student crossed the finish line. They arrived back at school sun-kissed, exhausted, and unanimously declaring they would never put a hiking boot on again... at least until the next expedition.

A huge thank you to Mr Nolan, Mr Bolton, Mr Hiller, Miss Getty and Mrs Andrews who volunteered their weekend to supervise and keep everyone safe in the heat.



Welcome to Year 7

A huge welcome to all our new Year 7 students! Year 7 have settled brilliantly into Culcheth High School and have made a fantastic start to this exciting new chapter.

Students have enjoyed meeting new friends, experienced a wide range of new subjects and lessons, and getting involved in extracurricular activities, including our Year 7 Football Club. They have also been making great use of our fantastic new facilities, such as the new 3G pitch, the Hub and the ILC at break and lunchtimes.

We have already had several students recognised as 'Students of the Week' for their excellent start to high school. A particular highlight has been 7I, who were awarded Miss Crane's 'Form of the Week' following their fantastic start to CHS, which was also recognised by several members of staff.

Over the coming weeks, we are looking forward to even more opportunities for Year 7, including new clubs, inter-house competitions and lots of exciting experiences across their lessons.

I am really excited to work with this year group throughout the year and see everything they can accomplish. It has been wonderful to see Year 7 enjoying the beginning of their high school journey, and I look forward to supporting them to be the best they can be while demonstrating our school values of Respect, Honesty and Excellence. Well done, Year 7 – keep up the fantastic start!

Miss Crane. Progress Leader Year 7

Focus on 7H

7H have made an excellent start to the new school year, settling into both form time and lessons extremely well. It has been wonderful to see students arrive each day with a positive attitude, ready to learn and embrace the opportunities secondary school offers.

A key focus during these first few weeks has been getting to know one another, building new friendships, and becoming familiar with the routines and expectations of school life. Students have shown themselves to be friendly, polite, and well-mannered, helping to create a welcoming and positive form community.

7H are also becoming increasingly independent as they find their way around the school site, move between lessons and manage their daily routines. They have approached this transition with enthusiasm and growing confidence.

Outside the classroom, some students have already been enjoying football through our extra-curricular opportunities. It is fantastic to see them getting involved, developing new interests and building friendships beyond their lessons. We have also been impressed by the pride students take in their school uniform and the way they represent 7H.

Overall, 7H have made a brilliant start, and we look forward to seeing their confidence continue to grow throughout the year!

Mrs Menzies, Form Tutor 7H

Year 10 Biologists Head to Anglesey for Fieldwork Success

In the final week of the summer term, our Year 10 Biology students swapped the classroom for the coastal ecosystems of Anglesey during an immersive residential trip based at the Conway Centre. The three-day field course provided students with invaluable hands-on experience, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world ecological practicals.

The trip kicked off on Monday at the sand dunes of Aberffraw. Students investigated how plant distribution is influenced by environmental factors, measuring variations in species alongside local wind speeds. Using transects and abiotic recording tools, they gathered real data on ecological succession and environmental adaptation.

On Tuesday, the focus shifted to marine biology at Moelfre.

Working across two contrasting shorelines, students conducted comparative surveys of local algae and coastal animal species. They put core AQA GCSE sampling techniques directly into practice—mastering the precise deployment of quadrats, transects, and random sampling methods to bolster their required practical skills ahead of exams.

For the final day, the cohort visited Bangor University's School of Ocean Sciences at the Menai Bridge campus. Students enjoyed a guided tour of the coastal facilities and participated in university-level biology sessions, giving them a firsthand taste of higher education and future STEM career pathways.

Fantastic weather accompanied the group throughout the trip, keeping energy high across every field site. Overall, the course was a huge success, leaving students better prepared for their upcoming GCSE exams and inspired by real-world science.





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— NEWS —



A WARM WELCOME FROM MR DOS

YOUR ILC MANAGER



Let me start by introducing myself. I am **Mr Dos** and I am the new Independent Learning Centre Manager here at Culcheth High School. I'd like to say a big **welcome** to our new students and a **welcome back** to all of our existing students!



I have over **10 years** experience working in education and I am very much looking forward to this role in the ILC.



Over the weeks, months and this school year I will be encouraging students to use this space to **read, revise** and **re-engage** with each other.



With such events coming up as International Literacy Day, Black History Month and Roald Dahl Day, there will be plenty of **opportunities to explore** interests and the world around us through books.



I look forward to working with the students and to a **fantastic year ahead** together in the Independent Learning Centre.



**YOUR SPACE.
YOUR TIME.
YOUR SUCCESS.**

Use the Independent Learning Centre to read, learn, explore and achieve.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday 8th September
International Literacy Day
Reading pledges wall
& 'Why I Read' display



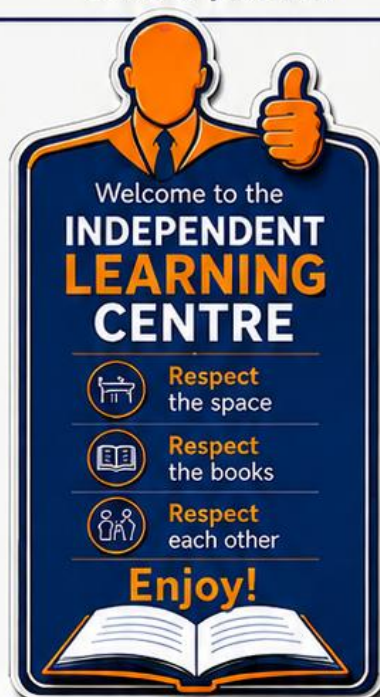
October
Black History Month (UK)
Celebrate Black authors & illustrators all month



Sunday 13th September
Roald Dahl Day
Look out for special activities & displays in September!



Saturday 10th October
World Mental Health Day
Take 10 to Read – look after your mind



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**READ TODAY
LEAD TOMORROW**

Term Dates 2026-27



HOLIDAY DATES – 2026-27

Terms	Date of Opening	Date of Closing
Autumn first half-term	Thursday 3 September 2026	Friday 23 October 2026
Autumn second half-term	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Spring first half-term	Wednesday 6 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Spring second half-term	Monday 22 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Summer first half-term	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Summer second half-term	Monday 7 June 2027	Wednesday 21 July 2027

INSET DAYS (Provisional)

Tuesday 1 September 2026
Wednesday 2 September 2026
Friday 2 October 2026

Two other INSET Day will be 'twilight' sessions.

SCHOOL CLOSED

Easter Weekend: Falls within the Easter holidays
May Day Holiday: Monday 3 May 2027

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➤ HONESTY
➤ EXCELLENCE

Monday Week 2 Dates 2026-27



Mondays Week 2 – 2026-27

Please see below the list of Monday Week 2 dates:

Monday 7th September 2026
Monday 21st September 2026
Monday 5th October 2026
Monday 19th October 2026
Half Term Break
Monday 9th November 2026
Monday 23rd November 2026
Monday 7th December 2026
Christmas Break
Monday 18th January 2027
Monday 1st February 2027
Half Term Break
Monday 22nd February 2027
Monday 8th March 2027
Monday 22nd March 2027
Easter Break
Monday 19th April 2027
Monday 17th May 2027
Half Term Break
Monday 7th June 2027
Monday 21st June 2027
Monday 5th July 2027
Monday 19th July 2027

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Open Evening
Thursday 1st October 2026
5:30pm

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further details.

**We look forward to welcoming children
from all year groups with their families.**

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SENDIASS EHC PARENTAL REQUEST DROP IN SESSION

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER-12.30-2.30PM
Sandy Lane Family Hub ,Sandy Lane, Orford, WA2 9HY

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 09:30– 11:30AM
Tinsley Street Family Hub. Tinsley Street, Latchford, WA4 1RE

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER –12.30-2:30PM
Barnes Close Family Hub, Barnes Close, Great Sankey WA5 1SB

THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 12:30– 2:30PM
Sandy Lane Family Hub, Sandy Lane, Orford, WA2 9HY

WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY– 09:30– 11:30AM
Tinsley Street Family hub, Tinsley Street, Latchford, WA4 1RE

TUESDAY 23RD FEBURARY 09:30-11:30AM
Sandy Lane Family Hub Sandy Lane, Orford, WA2 9HY

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 12:30– 2:30PM
Sandy Lane Family Hub Sandy Lane, Orford, WA2 9HY



CONTENT OF SESSION

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**THE EHCP ASSESSMENT
PROCESS**

**REQUESTING AN EHC NEEDS
ASSESSMENT**

**COMPLETING AN EHC NEEDS
ASSESSMENT**

SUBMITTING THE REQUEST

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THE START TIME OF THE
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TIME AFTER THE SESSION
FOR INDIVIDUAL Q&A'S**

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- MATCHES ON SATURDAYS
- PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

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