

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the June issue of our newsletter. As usual there is lots going on in school and our students are involved in a wide variety of exciting and interesting activities. Thank you to all the staff and students who have contributed with their thoughts and experiences.



Engineering



Year 9 Engineers Flying High

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Year 9 Engineers, Joanna Baylay, Jessika Camm, Luke Brown and Oliver Hamilton, were delighted to be able to fly a model aeroplane they had built last weekend. The four had worked on their large remote controlled craft over 10 weeks at Macclesfield College, as part of a project organised by the College and Manchester University and involving students from four other secondary schools.

As part of the project, students from each school built a remote controlled plane and delivered a Power-Point presentation on the project to staff at 'My Travel' Aircraft Engineering at Manchester



airport in January and again to parents and staff at Henbury school last weekend. They were also treated to a guided tour of the workshops at 'My Travel' and boarded the Jetstream 31 aircraft at Macclesfield College.

The highlight of the project was, without a doubt, the test flight of the aircraft the students had made. Congleton High School were one of only 2 schools who

managed to get their plane into the air last Saturday and so the

students were lucky enough to be able to try out the controls on their own craft. They also picked up a prize for 'Best Graphic Design', as well as Silver Crest Awards. Their plane, "The Blond Bombshell", flew like a bird and, fortunately, survived its maiden flight. It will now be displayed in the school's Engineering Innovation Studio.



Mrs Bartley, Director of Engineering who has worked with the students on this project said "It was a real thrill watching the students plane fly; it was a fitting climax to all their hard work."

Twilight Primary teacher training DT

On 25 May, 11 primary school teachers joined us for a twilight INSET, led by our Engineering Liaison Teacher, Mrs Garbett and DT Co-ordinator, Mrs Stanier. The session focused on the KS2 DT unit 'Moving toys' and staff were able to have practical experience in making a moving toy themselves, to build their confidence before teaching their own students.

Rotary Young Designer and Young Chef

We are pleased to be able to host these competitions at CHS this year on Wednesday 14 June. Competitors (Y9 chefs and Y11 Designers) will be from Eaton Bank and Congleton High.

Young Apprentices in Engineering

Congratulations to the Y10 Young Apprentices who have passed their online assessments for the City and Guilds Autocad 4351, a level 2 qualification. Special mention must go to Jenna Pearce, who achieved a distinction in this and also attained level 3, a rare achievement for a Y10 student. Well done, Jenna!

Selection for the 3rd cohort of Young Apprentices is now underway.

German Engineering Study Tour

We look forward to welcoming students and staff from our partner Engineering school, the Süderelbe Gymnasium, to Congleton on 19 June. Whilst here, they will be visiting various places of interest in the area and spending time in school on Engineering activities.

Total People Young Apprentice of the Year

We are delighted that Adam Barnes, Y11, has reached the final stages of nominations for the Total People Young Apprentice of the Year 2006. Adam has been invited, along with 2 guests, to attend a presentation and dinner at Crewe Hall on Thursday 22 June, when the winner of the award will be announced. We are very proud of Adam and wish him success.

Gifted & Talented PE Day

30 Gifted and Talented PE students aged 11-14 took part in an exciting day of activities at Reaseheath College, Nantwich on 11th May. The day was organised by Peak Pursuits and was aimed at helping the students identify and demonstrate a whole range of talents, including leadership, problem solving, effective communication and taking responsibility.

Each group of students were given practical tasks to complete which included swamp crossing,

blindfold trail, rock traversing and spiders web. The swamp crossing involved teams of 4 students having to devise a



method of transporting water in a bucket whilst connected to a ski. In Spiders Web, students had to pass through narrow spaces in a wooden frame criss-crossed by rope. This encouraged teamwork as they had to help each other pass through the

spaces without touching the rope. The students quickly began to develop a close bond and improve their



teamwork as the challenges became progressively harder. At the end of a long hot day, everyone went away tired but pleased with their achievements.

School Profile

The new school profile will be published online this half term. This replaces the Governor's Annual Report to Parents and will contain information about the school for the period 2004-2005. Why the delay? We have been waiting for the DfES to insert its own data into the Profile. Without this, it is impossible to publish it. We will let you know when the Profile is available.

Daniel Duentrieb Preis

We recently had an exciting opportunity to take part in an International Schools Engineering Competition set by the University of Hamburg (TUHH) in Germany. CHS were the only English School to enter the competi-

tion and for this a team of our students had to manufacture a 'bone' to tight design criteria. This was then tested to destruction and judged on strength and the accuracy of the bone. Congratulations to students Peter Deem, Mathieu Allen, Edward Buckley -Johnstone (Y13) with Naomi Campbell and Jessica Andrews (Y11), who acquitted themselves well and came sixth out of 18 schools.



Maths Competition

The Maths Department is launching its annual puzzle of the year competition this month (see puzzle below). There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Please write your answer on a piece of paper and hand it in to Mr Kennedy in Room 3.49. The winner will be the first student or teacher who hands in the correct answer, so don't waste any time!

MATHS COMPETITION

Is it possible to arrange the numbers 1 to 15 in a line so that any two numbers next to each other add together to make a square number?



Parent Forum

Despite the very hot weather on 11th May, we were delighted to see a good number of parents at our second Parent Forum. The first part of the Forum focussed on the new School Profile and, in the second part, Mr Hermitt and Senior staff answered questions relating to sport, visits, uniform, homework, rewards and the Healthy Schools initiative. Parents, governors and staff were then able to enjoy a chat and glass of wine together. We are grateful, as ever, to members of Parents in Partnership, who organised refreshments for us.

Quiz night

Please remember to keep the evening of Friday 7th July free to come along to our Annual Quiz night. Students, families and friends of the school are cordially invited to come and join in the fun.

Drama Music and Dance

We are pleased to announce that three fun-filled days of Dance, Music and Drama will take place in school from Monday 31 July to Wednesday 2 August between 10am and 3.30pm. The workshops involving Street Jazz, African Drumming and Percussion and Drama are being held by Wise Moves Dance Ltd and cost £45 per day. To book a place please telephone 0845 121 3380 or contact on-line at www.wisemovesdance.co.uk. Places are limited to 30 per day and has been advertised to several schools in the area. Payment must be received in full by the 20 June 2006.



Art Club



Year 7 and 8 students might be interested to know that there is an Art Club held every Monday afternoon from 3pm – 4:10pm in Room 127. The club is run by Miss Shorrock and Miss Ellam and has a relaxed environment to allow you to be creative and explore different techniques and materials. You can try your hand at painting and drawing, collage, 3D work and making greetings cards. You can take your work home, or it may be used for displays within school (especially in the XL area). The only thing they ask is that you are willing to take an enthusiastic role during these sessions.

School Uniform Update



Thank you to those present who have taken the time to reply with their views about school uniform. As a result we have been consulting with students about the modification of the school tie and from September the students have agreed upon having a new school tie for upper school which has the logo in silver rather than purple. We have also consulted on the school badge and this will now be silver as well. Davenport's will be stocking this from late August. Students can continue to wear their old tie for next year if they wish.

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 7 July 7.15pm
in Refectory

Cost £6 per team- payable on the night
OR
£5 per team (payable on the night) if team signs up before the day (note to Mrs Bartley)
(4 members to a team)

PRIZES FOR.....

- **BEST TEAM**
- **WORST TEAM**
- **BEST STUDENT TEAM**
- **BEST TEAM NAME**

Bring your own refreshments

Tesco Computers for Schools Vouchers



Thank you to everyone who has been sending Tesco vouchers into school. We have collected 12,200 vouchers so far and have until the middle of June to complete the count-up and to place an order. The more vouchers we receive, the more equipment we can obtain, so please keep them coming in. There is a collection box in Student Reception.

Sporting Achievements

It has been another outstanding half term for sporting achievements:

Netball—Macclesfield & District Netball League Winners

Congratulations to the Year 7A Netball Team, who are this year's Macclesfield & District Netball League Champions. The girls won 8 games and drew the remainder and were the only unbeaten school in the league. The team were Amelia Eckersley (GS), Bethany Neville (GA), Rachel Vickers (WA), Hannah Goodwin (C), Molly Riley (WD), Fiona Hand (GD) and Lucy Carroll (GK). The final results table looked like this:

Congleton	43
All Hallows	41
Kings	35
Eaton Bank	33
Wilmslow	27
Fallibroome	22
Ald'ly Edge	19
Poynton	10
Tytherington	6
Henbury	0



Athletics—

South Cheshire Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent South Cheshire at the Cheshire Schools Athletics Championships on Saturday 10th June. Good luck everyone!

Junior Girls		Junior Boys	
200m	Natalie Tittley	100m	Greg Kershaw
Hurdles	Amanda Hall	200m	Luke Smith
Long Jump	Rachel Barlow	1500m	Kristy Bottomley
High Jump	Grace Robinson	High Jump	Robert Crookes
Javelin	Lauren Wilson	Javelin	Josh Barrard
Javelin	Jo Baylay		
Discus	Emily Goode	Inter Boys	
Inter Girls		100m	Luke Edgar
200m	Kate Campbell	400m	Alistaire Coutts
800m	Jessica Myatt	800m	Peter Jackson
Hurdles	Emily Stables	Long Jump	James Wood
Long Jump	Hannah Crookes	High Jump	Jack Bell
Discus	Lauren Hall	Javelin	Ryan Maddoc
Senior Boys			
100m/Long Jump			Chris Mills

ESAA Sainsbury's Track & Field School Cup

The first round of this competition took place last week at Macclesfield, involving schools from all over Cheshire. Our Year 9/10 Boys team were placed equal first in the County alongside Helsby. They will now compete against schools from the North West on 12th June in the A team final. This is the best position our school has ever achieved and with the talent in the team we could reach the National Finals. The Inter girls were also successful, finishing 8th in Cheshire. They have qualified for the B Final on June 15th. Both the Junior teams did well on the day but unfortunately did not finish high enough in Cheshire to progress.

Golf

Martin Leese in Year 10, won the first round of the Nick Faldo Golf Series held at Cardem Park. He is also playing for Cheshire's U18 squad and has been invited to play in a National competition at Newcastle upon Tyne. Well done Martin!

Badminton Double Champions

Two teams from Congleton High School competed recently in the Schools Betley Tournament at Sandbach Girls School. The teams, coached by Kay Vickers, represented the school in the U14 boy's and U16 boy's event. Both teams won their first round groups, going through to their finals undefeated.

The U14 team comprised Iain Wolfenden, Jordan Erdmann, Graeme Wolfenden and John Copeland. John and Graeme both played very well in their singles, being defeated



after putting up a strong fight. Iain and Jordan won their doubles and John and Iain also won, leaving the match tied going into the final game of doubles. Graeme and Jordan faced strong opposition, with one of their opponents being a member of the County Squad and found themselves facing defeat at 10-5 down. However, they didn't stop fighting, bringing the game back to all square at 10 all. The opposition chose to play to 13 points and initially went into an 11-10 lead, but the Congleton boys kept their concentration and managed to clinch a "nail-biting" final by winning the game 13-11.

The members of the U16 team were Gareth Ball, Jack Bell, Michael Phillips and Scott Sapsford. All



the boys are currently in Year 10 and were competing against Year 11 teams in this event. Jack and Gareth both

won their games of singles with Michael and Scott being narrowly defeated in the first game of doubles. The last 2 games of doubles then went on court, with the match still not decided. Michael and Gareth and Scott and Jack both had very tight games, with Michael and Gareth falling 4 – 10 behind. Once again they showed real determination to pull the game back, winning 11-10, while Jack and Scott were evenly matched by their opposition all the way through their game, finally winning 11-10. Congratulations to all the boys, both on an excellent performance, but also their court etiquette and good sportsmanship, which was commented upon by a member of staff from one of the other schools.

Sporting Achievements continued...

Boys PE

Rugby

Having won the Cheshire schools emerging rugby tournament at Hartford in Northwich, the Y7 rugby team were selected to represent Cheshire in the North West tournament at Preston Grasshoppers RUFC in Lancashire.

The team were undefeated during the league phase of the tournament, notching up some high scores and looking relatively solid in defence. They progressed as group winners to the semi final stage of the tournament. Where they were taken to extra time, but a try from Stephen Jones gave the boys victory. They went on to face Lytham in the final, where tries from Scott Summerfield, and another from Stephen Jones, gave them a hard fought, and deserved victory.

Cricket

Congratulations to Peter Jackson in Year 10 who has been selected to play for Cheshire in the U16 Cricket Squad.

The cricket season has got off to a mixed start, the indifferent weather has meant that a number of games have had to be postponed, which make for a busy last half term. The year 8 team travelled to Cheadle Hulme school in the county cup. CHS lost the toss and were put in to bat, again the weather conditions were more appropriate for rugby rather than cricket. After making a positive start CHS starting losing wickets, and posted a competitive, but not threatening 64 from 15 overs. The Cheadle openers looked comfortable from the beginning, and made easy work of the run chase. Its not all over for the year 8 team though. They still have a number of matches to play in the South Cheshire league, and an Inter Cricket tournament to look forward to.

The year 9's were drawn away to Wirral Grammar school in the first round. Again CHS lost the toss and were put in to bat. Openers Graeme Wolfenden and Dave Cohen saw off the new ball, but both were dismissed at a time where they could have cashed in and scored some big runs. There were some helpful contributions with the bat from Iain Wolfenden and Charles Wright that helped CHS post a half decent score, that would need a good performance in the field to defend, and that's what they got. A devastating spell of bowling from John Copeland made early inroads in to the Wirral top order. Backed up by some top class bowling by captain Dave Cohen, the host were bowled out well short of the target. Copeland finishing with figures of 4 overs, 3 wickets for 5 runs, and Cohen 3.1 overs, 4 wickets for 5 runs.

Year 10 also made a positive start to the season. Playing against Brine Lees in the only league match to have survived the weather. CHS batted first and posted a massive 142 from 20 overs with big contributions from Adam Woodall and Oli Thomas with the bat. Another good spell of bowling from Dave Cohen did the majority of damage with the ball as Brine Lees fell well short of the target. Both the year 9 and 10 teams are looking strong this season, and will be competitive in all competi-

THIS MONTH – JUNE	
Mon 5 th	School re-opens
Mon 12 th	Main A2 Exams start
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	Y7 & 8 Exams (in lessons)
Wed 14 th	Young Chef/Young Designer Competition
Wed 28 th	New Intake Day
NEXT MONTH - JULY	
Tues 4 th	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4-6:30pm
Wed 12 th – Sat 15 th	School Production – 42 nd Street

Fishing Matches

Nothing to do during the summer holidays? Do you like fishing? Then why not take part in a series of fishing matches being held by Cheshire Police. The competition has categories for Under-17, Under-15, Under-13 and Under-11 and will take place on local waters in the Macclesfield area under the supervision of volunteers from the local police who will act as stewards. The grand final will be at Gawsorth Hall in Macclesfield. If you fancy taking part, you need to pick up an application form from Mr Barlow. There is no cost for entrance.

Finally, if there is any other information that you would like to see in future newsletters or you have a comment about any aspect of the life of the school, please contact me at head@congleton.cheshire.sch.uk



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