

Dear Parent / Carer

This is our last edition of this year. We have had another great term and as a result we are looking forward to returning in August for some good news. The new term starts for students on **Wednesday the 5th September**. In the meantime have a restful and hopefully sunny summer holiday.

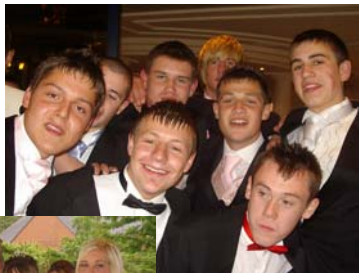


Kate Wins Regional Young Chef Award



Year 11 Prom Success

On Friday the 29th June, Year 11 students enjoyed a fabulous evening at the Prom. The event, at the Moat House Hotel in Hanley, was a tremendous success and a welcome reward for all their hard work over the last few months. Everyone looked stunning and it was great to see them all arrive in style. The red carpet welcomed the students and they certainly felt like 'stars'. We now look forward to their future success in August and beyond.



Two Y9 students, Kate Heathcote and Harriet Hobbs entered the Rotary Young Chefs Regional Final on Thursday 28 June having won 1st and 2nd positions, respectively, in the heats against Eaton Bank school the previous week. They were up against seven students from various schools around Cheshire and the talent was amazing.

We are delighted that Kate went on to win First prize with her superb main course of crispy cod on a bed of cherry tomatoes and courgettes in lime and garlic and her mouth watering dessert, a sweet pastry case filled with fresh strawberries and a sweet citrus cream. This is the first time one of our students has won this prize so we are especially pleased. Kate has also been invited to go to South Cheshire College to prepare her winning menu there for a number of invited guests. An accolade indeed!

Well done Kate.

Engineering News

Primaries

We have been delighted to see a large number of students from our partner primaries involved in Science and Engineering activities at CHS over the last month, and thoroughly enjoying themselves. Students from the Quinta spent an afternoon working on 'separation' and 'gases' with Mr Thomas, Miss Loring and our 'Duke of Edinburgh' students and about 30 students attended an after-school Primary Science club led by Astra Zeneca and hosted by CHS.

Gifted and Talented students from our partner primaries, along with a number of Year 7 students, also spent 2 days at CHS working towards their BAYS Award (British Association of Young Scientists) with Mr Barker and Miss Loring.

Students from Woodcocks' Well and Scholar Green took part in our Primary Engineering Challenge with Miss Sykes and Mrs Garbett. They won prizes for DT projects they had completed in their own school and worked on the Versalaser to design and make medals to take away.

'Young Apprentice of the Year' nomination

Y11 student, Jenna Pearce, and her parents have been invited to an evening reception at Crewe Hall on 5 July for the Total People Young Apprentice of the Year Awards, for which Jenna has been nominated. We wish Jenna every success!



Engineering

Engineering News continued

Nuffield Bursaries

Congratulations to Year 12 students, Tom Wilson, Adam Bailey and Sarah Band, who have been awarded Nuffield Bursaries of £75 a week for a month to undertake a science project over the summer holidays. This will support the students' A2 science studies and, of course, strengthen their applications to university. Tom and Adam will undertake their projects at Astra Zeneca and Sarah is awaiting notification of her placement.

Whole School Summer Engineering Event

Staff are busily preparing for a wide range of exciting activities for the whole school event on 17-19 July. These include building motor boats, designing animal enclosures, making and launching rockets, making and flying kites, designing masks, creating radio reports, building trebuchets and much more. The event will be supported by the RAF, the Royal Engineers and TV reporter, Kevin Bocquet.

'Walk for Africa'

On Friday 6 July, the whole school is taking part in a fundraising event to support a project involving our Afri-twin partner South African schools, the Muizenberg High School and Junior School in Capetown. The project will provide much needed work for unemployed 'beaders' who will teach traditional beading skills to students and ensure the continuation of a dying skill. Once established, it is hoped that, with sales of products made by students, the project will become sustainable.

To raise funds we are holding a non-uniform day and walking around a mile circuit of the school fields (period 5—weather permitting). About 70 Year 3 and 4 students from Blackfirs primary are also going to take part, as they are partnered with the Muizenberg Primary school.

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE 2007

Thirty two students in Yr 7 & 8 were successful in the challenge organized by the UKMT. Certificates were awarded to the following students:

Year 7

- David Kemball
- Ailsa Borland
- Melissa Kershaw
- Henry Jackson
- Liam Meeten
- Hannah Tinsley
- Henry Williams
- Robert Hooper
- Rebecca Leach
- Jordan Lau
- Lauren Carter
- Matthew Proctor
- Josh Bean
- Lauren Bennett
- John Dean

Year 8

- Richard Priday
- Nikki Chand
- Danielle Harris
- Kieran Marsh
- Stephen Jones
- Alex Machin
- Gareth Cresswell
- Ella Blinkhorn
- Natalie West
- Bethany Fletcher
- Charles Vickers
- Michael Hughes
- Abigail Hull Steward
- Ben Casey
- Daniel Forszowski
- Jonathon Birch

Congratulations to you all!

Presentation of Christian Resources

We were delighted to receive a large selection of Christian books and DVDs provided through The H F Johnson Trust and presented to the school by Steve Hodgkinson of New Life Church in Congleton. Mrs Eckersley RE Co-ordinator, is delighted with this wealth of resources which will significantly enrich the teaching and learning of Christianity within the R E Curriculum, and widen the horizons of the students.

The H F Johnson Trust, founded by Christian businessman, Harold Johnson, supplies Christian resources to schools throughout the country.



Far right, Steve Hodgkinson presenting books to Mr Hermitt with Mrs Eckersley and Mrs Parker (LRC Manager) in foreground

Parents in Partnership



At our last meeting, we were sad to say 'farewell' to two of the longest serving members of our PIP team. Sandra Williamson and Sue Bowers have worked tirelessly for Congleton High for over 7 years and even continued after their children left the school. They have shown fantastic commitment to all aspects of our Parents in Partnership work and we are extremely grateful to them. Although this was an official 'goodbye' we still hope to see them at future events - the Houghton Weavers Show wouldn't be the same without them! Thank you, Sandra and Sue.

Thanks to PIP members who supported our New Intake evening on 28 June, with refreshments. Alex McCormick, Chair of the PIP team, outlined the work of Parents and Partnership to Y6 parents and invited them to 'be a voice' in the school by joining the team. Please remember that you are all welcome to come along to our meetings and play a part in the team. We are always pleased to see new faces.

Quiz evening Friday 6 July – Learning Resource Centre

The weather is far too wet for barbecues, so why not come along for a dry evening's entertainment at the PIP Family Quiz evening? Prizes for best team, worse team, best team name and best student team. £6 per team on the night or let Mrs Bartley know you're coming beforehand and pay £5 on the night. Bring your own refreshments.

Sporting Achievements

Athletics

The Cheshire Schools Athletics Championships took place at Macclesfield on a sunny June day. CHS athletes had a very successful day with most achieving a finals placing. Three boys were selected to compete at the inter Counties 'Mason Trophy' the following week at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham where they all did really well.

Results

Robert Crookes - 1st High Jump
 Josh Barard - 2nd Long Jump
 Luke Edgar - 3rd 100m
 Dan Houston - 3rd javelin
 Lauren Wilson - 3rd Javelin
 Cara Grisedale - 3rd 300m
 Jack Stephenson - 4th Discus
 Greg Curshaw - 4th 100m
 Rachel Barlow - 5th 100m
 Natalie Small - 6th 200m
 Sarah Wilkinson - 6th 100m
 Grace Robinson - 7th High Jump
 Charlotte Berkeley - 800m

Congratulations to Poppy Crookes for finishing 2nd in the high jump at the Cheshire County Schools Athletics Championships at Crewe.

Y7 and Y8 Rounders Leagues

The leagues have been affected with the weather but so far matches have gone quite well. Y7 had a mixed start with a win out of three. The following week they lost one by 1/2 rounder but won the other two. Their game against Sandbach was very convincing with Congleton getting the Sandbach team of 9 out for 15 balls. The Y8 team have won three and lost two. They started the League strongly but were slow to respond in the second week. With one Fixture to go before the play-offs, both teams could find themselves in the top section if they play their best.

Cheshire Youth Games

CHS represented Congleton Borough in two competitions at the Cheshire Youth Games on June 23rd. The Y7/8 Girls Cricket Team were well prepared for the day at Ellesmere Port following coaching by parent, Dave Atkinson, who team managed on the day. They finished Second of the eight Boroughs, being beaten by Warrington, who fielded 2 Cheshire players. Only eleven runs divided the two teams. Samantha Morgan captained the team and they were congratulated on their sportsmanship, only missing out on the Fair Play award by the team who lost all their games. Y8, Sarah Robson, Bethany Fletcher, Y7 Samantha Morgan, Alice Dean, Leah McGlynn, Paige Bailey, Grace Henderson, Laura Mellor, Hannah Carman, Harriet Ben-Acom.

Badminton

The Y7/8 girls Badminton team teamed up with boys from schools across the Borough to finish 2nd. They only lost the competition by one game. Team Rachel Barlow, Esther Burrow, Jordan Nield, Vicky Brown

Cricket

Both Year 7 & 8 teams have qualified for the Finals of the South Cheshire 8 aside competition. We wish them well in their forthcoming games.

Tennis

Like Wimbledon, the weather has played havoc with the CHS tennis season. It is hoped that the weather will improve and allow some tennis to take place before the end of the term.

Football Season 2006-07

Y9 team's early defeat to Brine Lees school cost them as they went through the rest of the season undefeated, but finished runners up. Y10 team were able to turn around the previous two seasons results to earn their first win and finish a deserved third. Y7, 8 and 11 all got off to a flying start and with one game remaining were all in contention. Y11 were beaten by Ruskin Sports College and finished second, but Y7 and 8 were victorious and were both crowned champions. As a result of all five year groups, CHS were crowned overall South Cheshire Champions. Well done!

During the summer 26 CHS footballers will tour Noordwijk in Holland, where they will test their skills against quality European opposition. We look forward to hearing their news in September.

School Sports Co-ordinator Partnership



A group of Year 7 students have been helping some of our cluster Year 6 pupils with their transition from primary school to CHS. Through their interest in sport the group have been working together developing friendships, individual skills and team work.

Y4 Annual Athletics at CHS

The annual Athletics competition for Year 4 pupils from the Cluster primary schools gave over 80 pupils the opportunity to receive coaching and try out new events. The whole day was organised by the Year 10 Sports Leaders, with their planning, organisational and delivery skills being assessed.

On a bright sunny day the pupils worked with enthusiasm as they tackled new skills and showed they could be successful.

At the end of a tiring, but enjoyable competition, certificates and medals were awarded which were presented by Mr Richard Benson, Link Governor at Congleton HS.

Results

Discus	Matt Lehir
Javelin	Dan Needham
Long Jump	Meagen Jackson
High Jump	Tom Fastiggi
Cricket ball throw	Jack Rodgers
Hurdles	Fraser Pettit
Sprint	George Michael
Long distance run	Dan Needham



Richard Benson handing out medals

GCSE History

The History Department now have monthly extension articles available for GCSE students. These contain extra background reading to help boost students grades. For the first time these can now be sent by email direct to students either in school or at home. To ensure students receive a copy please either contact the History Department or send a short email to Mr Hickton at staffmh@congleton.cheshire.sch.uk

Computer Club for Girls

On a Tuesday lunchtime, Room 229 becomes the meeting place for a small group of Year 7 girls who have become members of the nationwide group Computer Club for Girls. The aim of the group is to give girls greater experience of different types of ICT software and the confidence to try out new things. The girls attempt exciting challenges based around the themes of Celebrities, Fashion Designers, Music Production and Crime Scene Investigators.



The girls are currently working on scripts for a "celebrity chat show". These scripts will be copied into an autocue program and they will then use video cameras to record the interviews just like they do on the TV!

If any other Year 7 girls would like to join in, have a look at the website www.cc4g.net or see Ms Wiggins in Room 229, you'd hate to miss out!!!

THIS MONTH - JULY

9-13 July	Reading Week
11 July	Sports Day
14, 15 July	Y10 Outdoor Education Weekend
17-19 July	Engineering Week
Friday 20 July	School closes for Summer holidays.
3 and 4 Sept	INSET (School closed for students)
Wed 5 Sept	School re-opens

LITERACY NEWS



This edition's top tip is **Reading for Pleasure**

From Monday 9th July to Friday 13th July all staff and students will be taking part in our annual reading Week. Our aim is to get the whole school reading for pleasure in order to raise the profile of reading and reinforce its importance across the curriculum.

Students will be involved in reading sessions with other year groups and will have the opportunity to read privately as well as take part in numerous activities happening in school.

Other News

Year 7 Garden design competition.

This term Y7 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a competition to design flowerbeds for Congleton park. They worked alongside artists and park officers to develop their ideas through collage techniques. In September two pupils' work will be selected and made into flowerbeds for next summer. It is hoped the rest of the designs will become engravings in wooden sculptures, which have been commissioned to be displayed in the park. We will publish results next term.

Quinta School End of Year Play

On returning from their A/S exams, art pupils were faced with the task to design, within 3 weeks, a set for "Scheherazade" the Quinta end of year play. They had to paint backdrops, make rocks to form a cave and create a transparent magic bottle for the genie to dance behind. The results were superb as shown below.



I look forward to meeting GCSE and 'A' level students on their respective results days in August. Our return to school on **5th September** will bring the opening of the New Sixth Form Centre which we are all looking forward to.

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