



Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity in this, our first newsletter of the year, to wish you and your children the best of fortune in 2018. We ended 2017 with an assembly which was extremely moving reviewing the tragedies and successes of the year. When Freya Lewis was reunited with the nurses from the Manchester Children's Hospital who cared for her when she was critically injured in the MEN explosion I don't think that there was a dry eye in the assembly. The applause when Freya and her sister Georgia presented them with a cheque for £24,187 to support the work of their unit was spontaneous and extremely enthusiastic. I extend my grateful thanks to all of you who donated to this incredible sum.



We welcomed Mr and Mrs Jones, Nell's parents and celebrated the headway made in creating our Garden of Memories and the short story competition both of which were inspired by Nell and made possible by your donations to the fund which now stands at over £25,000. Nell's family extend their heartfelt thanks to all who contributed. There is an article later in this newsletter to keep you informed of progress with the project.



In the assembly we also celebrated the contribution that Mrs Andrea Goodwin made to the success of the school over the last 15 years. I, together with many present and past students who knew Mrs Goodwin, attended her funeral on the 28th December, remembered the highlights of her time with us and said our last goodbyes. Donations in Mrs Goodwin's memory were made to St Luke's Hospice where she was cared for so lovingly over her last few months.

Denis Oliver  
Executive Headteacher



## Nell's Mum and Dad Delighted with Progress on the Garden of Memories

Nell Jones mum and dad visited the school last Friday and were shown around the Garden of Memories which is developing quickly thanks to the team from Dutton Contractors Ltd. The project has been given a massive boost since Richard Dutton and his team, came on board. The team, as well as undertaking the construction work on site, are also working in the background to get support from other contractors. If anyone has a few minutes when they are around school, it is worth taking a couple of minutes to check out the progress. Ernie and Jayne have been behind this project from the very start and regularly visit the school to keep up to date with progress. The Jones family are in the process of setting up an ongoing fundraising campaign called 'The Remembering Nell Foundation' aimed at supporting other charities that improve the life and well being of young people across the north west. This new initiative will be launched at Spring Ball on Saturday 21st April 2018 at The Mere Hotel, Knutsford. The timing of the ball is important, as Nell would have celebrated her 15th birthday a few days earlier. We are asking for support from individuals or companies that would wish to make a donation or provide a suitable item for the charity auction and raffle that will form part of the evening. Tickets will be on sale soon, further information will be included in the next newsletter.



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# Nell's Spring Ball

## Remembering Nell Foundation

'Improving the life and well being of young people in the north west'

Tickets on sale soon

THE MERE HOTEL, ON SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2018

### HC6F UCAS Update

I am very pleased to say that all one hundred students wanting to apply to University have now sent their applications off in good time to meet the deadlines. Students who are now eagerly awaiting offers from the universities of their choice. Some have not had to wait very long at all and we have four very proud students who have received offers from Oxford or Cambridge in maths, English, law and classical archaeology with ancient history. We are delighted and proud of them for achieving offers from such prestigious and competitive universities. We are also very proud of any student who has been offered a place. This year we have seen an increase in the number of students receiving unconditional offers from a range of universities including, York, Lancaster and Keele. Please join us in wishing all of our students the greatest of success in working towards achieving their first choice place.

# UCAS



### HC6F Ambassadors

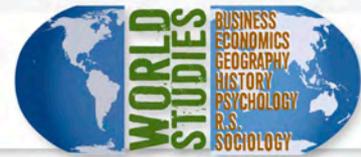
We have recently successfully appointed six year 12 students to act as 6th Form ambassadors. Students took part in a formal selection process which included a letter of application and an interview. This is a brand new and extremely exciting role. Students will play a key role in many aspects of the Sixth Form but will have an important focus on supporting transition into HC6F. The successful students are Sophie Freeman, Erin Tomkinson, Ellen Memmott, Will Pulle, Chloe Johnson and Charlotte Simpson.



We believe that we have a great team of students who will work well together and with the rest of the school. We very much look forward to working with them in this exciting new role.

Ms Camm and Mrs Warren





## HOLMES CHAPEL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



National Teaching School  
designated by  
  
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Teaching & Leadership

We are looking for a  
Person like **YOU** to  
become a Community  
Governor

Community governors are appointed by the governing body to represent community interests. They can be individuals who:

- live or work in the community served by the school
- are committed to the good governance and success of the school even though they do not work or live close to it.

So if you have an interest in education and can commit to approximately 6 afternoons/evenings per term and occasional events, we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

Our Board currently has a broad and balanced range of skills. No prior knowledge is necessary; a comprehensive range of training and support is provided. It's an exciting opportunity for you to:

- **develop** skills in strategic management
- **work** with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- **acquire** an understanding of specific School management issues



For Further information and to apply please go to the governor pages of our website—  
[www.hccs.info](http://www.hccs.info), complete the application form and return to Pauline Challinor, Clerk to Governors as soon as possible

**Deadline for responses is end of February 2018**

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## Preparing Learners for a Changing World

### Mock Exam Support Offered by MFL

Year 10: Students have all been issued with a number of revision tasks and practice paper questions, the details of which they can access through SMHW and Google Classroom. There are revision tasks from the Grammar and Translation book, their Pearson Revision Guide, vocab lists on Memrise and a full set of reading and writing practice exam-style questions. Please encourage your child to engage with these activities in order to make the most of this first set of mock exams. Bon courage à tous!



Year 11: Targeted lunchtime workshops and after school intervention sessions will be starting after half term but before this time students will be issued with a list of suggested revision tasks from resources they have all recently bought. We have also put together some useful practice papers in order to prepare them for the second round of mock exams in March.

We highly recommend investing in the Grammar and Translation book and the Pearson revision guide for your child if you haven't already done so. (GCSE)

Year 12: Students of all three languages are invited to attend our pre-mock workshop in L6 on Wednesday 24th January. We will be addressing any last minute worries about the exam papers, going over some key strategies as well as having a go at some practice questions and learning the appropriate target language terminology.

Year 13: There will be a pre-mock workshop running for Spanish and German A Level students on 13th February. We strongly encourage students to attend so we can go over some extra strategies and past paper practice.

Please confirm attendance at the year 12 or 13 workshops with Ms Brealey as soon as possible.



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## Maths PiXL Information

With only 13 teaching weeks left until the 2018 exam season, the HCCS Maths Team wanted to draw your attention to some resources that will be of use to our Year 11 students as they prepare for their final set of mocks in March.

Firstly, the PiXL Maths App (available on desktop, iOS, Android and Amazon App Stores). This free app contains a wealth of resources that your student is already familiar with from their Core ICT lessons. These include videos, PowerPoints, interactive questions and a numeracy specific section which is particularly helpful when preparing for Paper 1 (Non-Calculator).

In addition to this, students now have access to bespoke practice questions based on their personal weaknesses from their last mock. To get to these questions, students should login to the app as normal, click on 'Gap Analysis'; select their exam board (AQA); click 'my school filter' and the following should appear on their screen:

If they click on the 'Wave AQA' bar they will get to see every objective from the exam colour coded Red/Amber/Green. The related files take them to the relevant sections as explained in the key on the left-hand side.

Next up, [vle.mathswatch.co.uk](http://vle.mathswatch.co.uk) has videos and practice questions (both interactive and printable) for each topic on the Higher and Foundation papers. They also have a revision schedule in the 'extras' section which your student may find helpful when putting together their revision timetable.

Finally, [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk), students will be familiar with this from previous years (Username: holmes Password: congruent). It's particular strength is the 'Booster packs' which focus on moving students towards a particular grade based on where they are starting. It includes 'lessons' delivered in a powerpoint style to help with any gaps in their knowledge that students find as they work through the worksheets.

If you have any questions or want some more advice on how best to support your student as they work towards their exams, please don't hesitate to get in contact. HCCS Maths Team

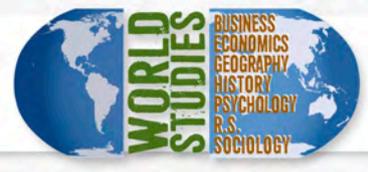
## School Vacancies

We are currently advertising a number of vacancies:

-  School Cleaner
-  Alternative Provision Manager
-  Food, Nutrition & Textiles Teacher.

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### Year 9 D&T Light Designs

The year 9 students have been creating lights after researching different designers through the ages. Here are two fantastic examples of light boxes created by Olivia Middleweek and Naomi Lee.



### Accelerated Reading



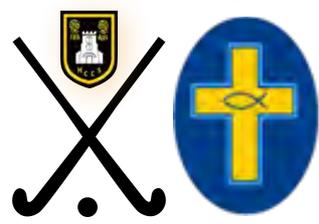
A reminder to parents of yr 7/8 students on how you can access this site at home:

Accessing Home Connect

- ◆ Load the school VLE
  - ◆ In the grey bar go to curriculum
  - ◆ In the drop down menu go into Learning Centre
  - ◆ Go to bottom of page and go into Home Connect on right hand side.
  - ◆ Log in details are: User name - the computer log in for your child at school eg 16smith
  - ◆ Password = their own AR password
- The info shown relates to books read since the last Star Reading test



### Partner Primary Schools Hockey Tournament



A big congratulations to Lower Peover Primary School and Brereton Primary School who reached the final of the Partner Schools Hockey Tournament. A very tense and thrilling end to a great evening of hockey with teams from all our partner primary schools (Chelford, Holmes Chapel, Hermitage, Goostrey and Peover Superior). Final result - Brereton 1 Lower Peover 0.

### SingFest - Young Voices

Today, Young Voices took part in a second SingFest workshop with Victoria Palethorpe from the Love Music Trust and Year 3-6 children from Chelford Primary School. We sang various songs including a Motown medley and a Musicals medley. The students were excellent as always and it was brilliant to see so many people involved.



The workshop was in preparation for a big SingFest concert with Cheshire Schools at the Crewe Lyceum Theatre in March. Our next event is a Young Voices concert in Manchester on Tuesday, so look out for photos of that in the next newsletter. Young Voices rehearses on a Monday lunchtime in Music 1, new members always welcome.





# YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

We have a vacancy for two Parent Governors on our Board of Governors. We are asking you to nominate anyone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. This information has been sent via School Comms and posted on the website along with further information. If you would like further information please contact [pauline.challinor@hccs.info](mailto:pauline.challinor@hccs.info) in the first instance. Deadline for nominations is Monday 5th February 2018. Please post your nomination papers in the box provided in the school reception area.

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Thank you, from all of us at HCCS & HC6F.