



### Dear Parent/Carer

The exam season is now fully upon us with the first 'big hall' exams already taken. This year we have made some major changes to make sure that our students could be as prepared as possible for 'the real thing'. We have had two trial exam weeks and restructured Maths and English classes so that we could help address the learning needs identified. We have a highly structured programme of subject workshops and masterclasses no more than 48 hours before the exam in the subject.

Although we will not know the actual results until mid August it is clear that the vast majority of students walk into the exams hall with confidence brought by their previous experiences.

I am sure that you will join with me in wishing them every success.

Later in the newsletter, we chronicle the opening of our Garden of Memories. It was a memorable and moving experience and I would like to thank all who joined us at the opening and particularly Andy Burnham for taking time in his busy schedule to lay a pebble and declare the garden open.

Freya Lewis has been in the news recently having been awarded the NHS Heroes Award for her outstanding fundraising efforts. We are all incredibly proud of her bravery and tenacity and extend our grateful thanks to all who contributed to Freya's funds, details of which can be found later in this newsletter.

Denis Oliver  
Executive Headteacher

### Charity Fun Day at Sandbach United Football Club

On Saturday 2nd June 2018 Sandbach United Football Club are holding a charity football match in order to raise funds for The Remembering Nell Foundation. On the day of the event a cheque will be presented to the foundation and a bucket collection will take place. The day will be run as family fun day with face painting stalls, BBQ live music and radio, fun rides raffles will take place but the main attraction will be two football games.

Sandbach United Ladies team v Crewe Alex Ladies 2pm KO

Sandbach United men's team v Crewe Alex Legends (Made up of well known Crewe players from over the years).

The cost of entry to the event is: £5 Adult & £3 Concession/Child

Location: Sandbach community football centre, Hind Heath road, Sandbach, CW11 3LZ

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://buytickets.at/sandbachunited/>

## Remembering Nell Foundation

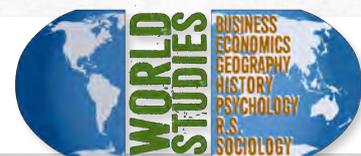
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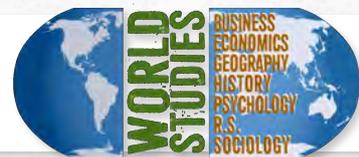


## Grand Opening of the Garden of Memories

The official grand opening of the garden of memories took place last Wednesday, 9th May and it would be hard to imagine how the occasion could have gone any better. As always with our school, the students took centre stage with the whole of Nell's year group plus close friends all being present. The senior choir conducted by Miss Simpson, sang 'You raise me up' and 'Hallelujah' beautifully which really set the mood for the occasion. The official opening was carried out by Mr Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, who laid a pebble in the river of memories. Mr Oliver thanked everyone who has contributed in anyway to making the garden become a reality. Most touching of all, was Sam Jones, Nell's eldest brother, talking about his sister, watched by the rest of her family. He concluded, "...I'm sure everyone here will agree this is a fitting tribute to a beautiful sister and a beautiful person."

[Click here to see a short video of the garden kindly provided by ITV Granada Reports](#)





## Sixth Form Transition Event

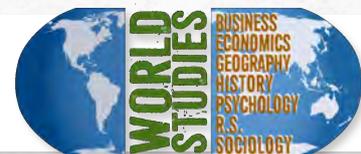
On Thursday 10th May we held our first ever Sixth Form transition evening. Students who have already enrolled in to the Sixth Form were invited, along with their parents, to attend this evening. Students were formally welcomed into the Sixth Form and were then invited to attend a number of workshops designed to help them make a smooth transition into the Sixth Form in September. Those students who attended found the evening to be of incredible use and said that this will help them to prepare over the summer. We very much hope to build on the successes of this event next year to ensure all our year 11 students feel supported and ready for their next exciting educational step into Sixth Form.



## Senior Choir and Young Voices: Somewhere over the Rainbow

Senior Choir and Young Voices enjoyed an unusual experience recently, as the BBC North West Tonight crew came in to film us for a special programme they are producing to acknowledge the anniversary of the Manchester Arena attack. Our students gave a wonderful performance of 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' and showed such maturity and professionalism - even when there was a massive camera swooping around. It was quite interesting to see what goes on behind the scenes. The programme will be shown on the 21st and 22nd May.





## NHS Heroes Awards 2018

We are all extremely proud of Freya Lewis who has been named the 'NHS Hero' in the Young Fundraiser of the year category for 2018. As everyone will be aware, Freya was badly injured in the Manchester Arena attack on the 22nd May last year. Having had life saving surgery at the time followed by multiple surgeries over the past year, Freya has still managed to raise over £40,000 for the hospital that saved her life. At the award ceremony in London, Freya dedicated the award to her friend Nell Jones, who tragically lost her life in the event. The links below show a very emotional Freya receiving the award from Louis Tomlinson which is very moving. There is also a link to an interview today on the Lorraine show. Both short videos are well worth a watch. Freya was photographed at school sat at next to the river of pebbles in the Garden of Memories, inspired by the loving memory of Nell. The full awards ceremony will be shown on ITV at 8:30pm next Monday, 21st May 2018



### Related Articles and Footage

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/3am/celebrity-news/manchester-bombing-survivor-freya-lewis-12537305>

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/manchester-arena-bomb-survivor-freya-14658320>

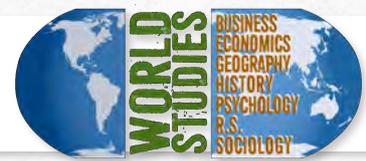
<http://www.itv.com/lorraine/hot-topics/manchester-arena-bomb-survivor-freya-lewis-honoured-at-nhs-heroes-awards>



Freya and her dad Nick, will be taking part in the Great Manchester run on Sunday in aid of the Critical Care Unit at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. If you wish to make a donation, their fundraising page can be found at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicholas-lewis4>





## Fantastic A-Level and Theatre Studies Performance

Congratulations to the A-Level Drama and Theatre Studies students on their excellent performances this week in their exam.

The visiting examiner was highly impressed with a range of pieces from Cartwright's character driven 'Two' to the recent 'Girls Like That' with its focus on the evils of social media.

All learners have stellar performances and we look forward to them reaping the rewards of their efforts.



## MFL Speaking Tests

Congratulations to all GCSE and A Level linguists who have all performed brilliantly in their speaking tests over the last few weeks. They are the most challenging part of the assessment and your MFL teachers are so proud and impressed with the standard of what you produced but more significantly your incredible attitude to learning during these tests.

Now you can turn your efforts to preparing for the written papers... keep up the hard work.

**THE BILINGUAL BRAIN**  
RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT BILINGUAL PEOPLE HAVE AN EASIER TIME WITH THESE BRAIN FUNCTIONS:

- INCREASING READING COMPREHENSION
- USING LOGIC
- DEVELOPING STRONG THINKING / COGNITIVE SKILLS
- FOCUSING, REMEMBERING & MAKING DECISIONS
- UNDERSTANDING MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND PROBLEM SOLVING
- CULTIVATING GREATER CULTURAL AWARENESS

**OUTSTANDING HCCS RESULTS**  
2017 OVERALL PASS RATE - A\* TO C

89%	83%	86%
SPANISH	FRENCH	GERMAN

**COGNITIVE ADVANTAGES**

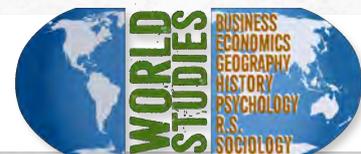
- INCREASES COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND ABILITIES
- ADVANCES VERBAL AND SPATIAL ABILITIES
- AUGMENTS AND FINE TUNES MEMORY SKILLS
- IMPROVES MULTITASKING CAPABILITIES

**BENEFITS OF SPEAKING A COUNTRY'S NATIVE LANGUAGE WHILST ABROAD**

- SAVING MONEY
- ORDERING FOOD
- SAFETY & SECURITY
- MAKING FRIENDS

**1 IN 5 UK COMPANIES ARE LOSING BUSINESS DUE TO LANGUAGE BARRIERS**





Tuesday 22nd May 2018

Next Tuesday marks the first anniversary of the Manchester Arena Attack in which one of our school community lost her life and another was critically injured. A further 10 students were present at the Arena but were physically uninjured. This incident had a deep and profound impact on everyone associated with our school and we will never forget what happened.

There are many events being staged to mark the anniversary in Manchester and across the north west. It is for everyone to do what they think is important for them to do to show support for those affected. In school, Nell's tutor group and other close friends, will be given the opportunity to spend some quiet time in the Garden of Memories during the day. The garden will also be open to the general public to pay their respects after school from 3:45 until 7pm.

**LRC News**  
**Book Amnesty**

There are a significant number of books, borrowed from the library which are overdue. Can you please help your son/daughter check to see if they have any school library books that have got hidden on a shelf and send them into school.

**Revision Books**

When students have finished their exams and no longer require revision books we would be grateful if you could donate them for school use.

**Bookbuzz Design a Front Cover Competition**



Lily Chapman 7NQ entered this competition along with over 600 other students from over 40 schools. Whilst Lily didn't win, hers was one of 35 favourite entries which can be viewed on the Bookbuzz website. Congratulations to Lily.

**'Extend the weekend with J and Theo'**

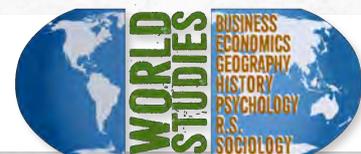
On Monday 21st May from 6-8pm, Mr Oliver (HCCS Executive Head Teacher) will be joining J and Theo's 'Extend the Weekend' LIVE on [www.danesound.com](http://www.danesound.com). He will be on to discuss the garden of memories and life in Holmes Chapel.

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**[www.danesound.com](http://www.danesound.com)**





## Music Festival at St Luke's Church

Thank you to the students who volunteered to perform at St Luke's Church Music Festival at the the end of April. The performances were great and it is always good to take part in community events. Students involved: Niamh Dyson, Erin Dyson, Lissy Berry, Ella Bevan, Ellie Eckersley, Naomi Lee, Isabel Beardsell, Sammy Smart, Hannah Roddy, Emma Stone, Katy Stone, Leanne Smith, Amy Hext.



## South Cheshire Rounders Fixture 15th May 2018



Y7&8 Rounders Teams played their second fixture of the South Cheshire Rounders League on Tuesday 15th May at Sir Thomas More. The Y8 team overcame in a very close battle to win their fixture. The Y7 team are improving their performance but faced a tough team in Shavington HS.

Captain's Report: "Our first game was was very close! HCCS narrowly won 6½ and 6 out against STM 6½ and 5 out. We then played a friendly with their mixed team, we were much more focused and improved our fielding performance. HCCS won by 4 rounders to STM mixed teams 3 rounders" Emma Clarke

### Y8 Teamsheet

Emma Clarke (captain)  
Ella Logan  
Macy Preece  
Charlotte Kerr  
Caitlyn Gaynor  
Ella Ford  
Jemma Burrington-Collins  
Amelia Laing  
Jenna Pass  
Mya Dempsey

## Girls of the Game:

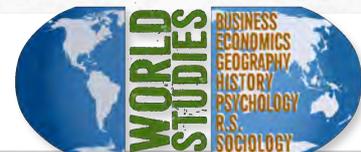
y7- Emma Thornhill  
y8- Caitlyn Gaynor & Emma Clarke

### Y7 Teamsheet

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Emma Thornhill  
Charlotte Beechener  
Heather Gray  
Emma Cooper  
Grace Merrick  
Maria Asquith  
Bethan Percy  
Kiera Cranstone  
Elizabeth Chadwick  
Ella Peters

"Our first match, which was against Shavington, was a struggle for us and even though we got a lot of people out, they still unfortunately beat us. In the second match, against STM, we started reading the game more , our fielding got stronger and we won. We need to work on our fielding, so that we are working together as a team, and creating tactics for upcoming matches. However, something that shone through was that we were communicating more and listening to each other. As well as, strong batting skills as overall we collected a lot of rounders" Emma Thornhill





## Partner Primary Schools Cricket

Another superb turnout of students for the partner primary school cricket tournament. There was some expert umpiring from Rohan Fernando, Will Brock and Ed Hodgson while Chelford and Holmes Chapel Primary won both their group games to meet in the final. Holmes Chapel were put into bat first scoring 26 runs from 3 overs. Chelford started the run chase slowly losing two early wickets. In the end, their valiant efforts came up short with Holmes Chapel winning by 13 runs.



## South Cheshire Rounders Fixture 1st May 2018



On Tuesday 1st May the Y7&8 Rounders Teams started their campaign to win the South Cheshire Rounders League at Sandbach High School. Both teams performed well and improved as the fixture went on, tasting both victory and defeat.

Captain's Report: "First, we played Sandbach B Team, winning 11½ - 3 ½, then we played Sandbach A Team, losing 7 - 5½. Last, we played Sir William Stanier and won 7 - ½. Although, the one loss was disappointing, it was a good start to the season and we can't wait 'til our next match." Emma Clarke

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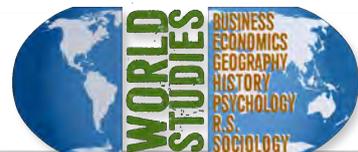
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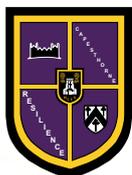
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"Year 7 rounders team faced 3 teams, Sandbach A team, Sandbach B team & St Thomas More. We struggled in the first two games against the Sandbach teams. However, when it came to facing St Thomas More, we pulled together, worked well as a team and achieved our first win. In each game we batted very well however, the superior fielding from Sandbach teams meant that we only managed to collect a few rounders. Sadly our fielding was not quite as good and it definitely gives us something to work on. We did not let the first two defeats pull us down and by working together well, we managed to win the third game. We cannot wait for our next game" Emma Thornhill





# HOLMES CHAPEL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



**YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING**  
27th June 2018, 5-8PM



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