



### Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great sadness that we reflect on the loss of Greg Priestnall from our school community.

We have now informed the whole of the school community through assemblies, in which the students and their teachers reflected together on memories of Greg and shared our grief together.

We ended each assembly with a massive round of applause for all that Greg has achieved in his short life.

Greg threw himself wholeheartedly into ALL aspects of school life and other out of school activities. For example he:

- ◆ had a lead role in the school production of 'Oliver!'
- ◆ went on a number of Ski trips.
- ◆ went on an Afritwin visit to South Africa.
- ◆ his close friends got fully involved in all the fundraising days.
- ◆ undertook voluntary work in a care home.
- ◆ achieved the D of E – silver award. And was a keen scout working with scouting leaders to mentor others and was actually awarded the chief scout gold award.
- ◆ Back in school he helped organise Spelling Bee for Year 7

Greg's Personal Statement revealed his ambitions for the future. He was keen to study biology at university and was particularly interested in Stem Cell research.

As a school community we must now come to terms with what has happened.

Greg's mother and father came into school during the week and I offered our sincere condolences on behalf of everyone at our school. I cannot imagine the loss they must feel.

They took time to view the tributes that have been placed in Greg's memory and they were overwhelmed by the messages of support. The floral tributes outside of the school and wonderful messages of love, friendship and support have touched everyone. The sense of loss has been deeply felt across the whole of the school and local community. Mr and Mrs Priestnall said that they took great comfort from the tangible expression of sympathy in the form of floral and other tributes which they took to be a clear indication of the depth of feeling and support from our community.

They asked us to pass on this message:

"We called over the weekend to look at all the flowers and can you please mention to everyone how grateful we are to them – Greg would simply have been taken aback by it all, we know.

We are so overwhelmed by everyone's kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity and can you please thank everyone there from the bottom of our hearts – it gave us a great deal of comfort to come to school and see what an amazing community you have there and the feeling of how you all come together.

We are so grateful too that you will include Greg in the new Garden of Memories and we would be very grateful if we could lay a small pebble for Greg at some time soon – again, words can't really express just how overwhelmed and grateful we are for the gesture.

Thank you so much for everything you have all done."

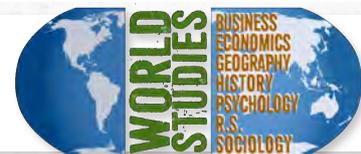
Please follow this link for information and advice for those affected by bereavement of a loved one.

We will not forget Greg and the 'River of Memories' in the Garden inspired by Nell Jones will help us to keep his memory alive.



PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS /  
GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN COPING WITH A TRAUMATIC EVENT

Denis Oliver  
Executive Headteacher



## The Garden of Memories

Over the past week, since the return from the Easter break, students have all had the opportunity to visit the Garden of Memories. Those that wished to have also placed their memory pebbles in the garden. Over the five days, more than 1,000 students have walked through the garden which is now around 80% planted out. Nell's Mum, Dad and brothers came to lend a hand with the planting this week.



The river of pebbles looks quite stunning and it is lovely to see pebbles laid not only in Nell's name but also for Greg Priestnall. The garden is very much inspired by the loving memory of Nell but really is a garden for everyone and we hope it will bring comfort to many people. We are now finalising the arrangements for the official opening on the 9th May, by Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester. On Saturday, 21st April, it is the long awaited 'Nell's Spring Ball' at the Mere Hotel. The event marks the launch of the new charity, The Remembering Nell Foundation. The charity aims to improve the lives and wellbeing of young people across the north west. At the ball, there will be an announcement about the first three projects that they will be working on. It looks like it will be a fantastic evening.

## Uniform Matters

The vast majority of our students, your children, wear their uniform with pride and abide by the uniform requirements exceptionally well and we thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards. However there are a few students who are not complying. We have therefore attached a full list of our requirements, for your information, and are appealing for your vigilance in ensuring that your children's uniform is fully compliant.

The areas of current concern are:

**Girls** - Skirt length, excessive make-up/False Tan,

**Boys** - Trousers (a few are wearing jeans style or drainpipe trousers), coats which are not black in colour and shirts not tucked into trousers.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR FULL UNIFORM POLICY](#)





## Centre Assessed Marks

As part of student's external examinations, in some subjects, they are given internal assessments that are marked by centre staff. Where the deadline for submission of these marks to the Awarding Body is 15th May students will be informed of those marks before submission and at the latest by 23rd April 2018. This is a new procedure that is outlined in the attached document which is also available on our website under Exams and Policies.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS](#)

## MFL Y10 Rocket Ship Debate

Some of our Year 10 Spanish students were deciding the fate of mankind the week before Easter in their Spanish lessons. They were tasked with representing different professions and arguing their case in Spanish for a space on the rocket ship heading off to start a colony on a new planet. As well as widening their Spanish vocabulary substantially, the students involved were able to develop their debating skills, and, after much deliberation, all places on the rocket ship were finally allocated.

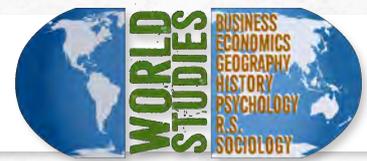


## Singfest Young Voices

Young Voices took part in the final part of the SingFest project on Wednesday 28th April. This was a big lunchtime concert at Crewe Lyceum Theatre involving 8 primary and secondary schools from across Cheshire East. We enjoyed singing and dancing to the Musicals medley and Motown medley, as well as a number of other songs. Well done to Rose Mendham and Charlotte Braka who led parts of 'Brand New Sound' in front of the whole theatre! Thank you to all of the students involved, and also to the parents who came to watch.

Young Voices rehearses on a Monday lunchtime in Music 1, new members always welcome.





# HCCS Standards for Presentation Reminder

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20/4/2018

Always add a date and an underlined title

Cross out any mistakes neatly

**DOH!**

Do NOT doodle

**GLUE LOOSE SHEETS INTO YOUR EXERCISE BOOK**

**READ YOUR ANSWERS TO MAKE SURE THEY MAKE SENSE AND ANSWER THE QUESTION.**

**QUALITY TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK**

## HCCS Standards for Presentation

- Always add a date and title.
- Cross out mistakes neatly.
- Read your answers to make sure they make sense and answer the question.

- Always...**
- Underline**  
Date and Title
  - Identify**  
Classwork and Homework
  - Remember**  
Capital letters, Punctuation and Spelling
  - Take Pride**
    - Never doodle in/on your book
    - Ensure sheets are glued in
    - Cross out mistakes neatly
    - Draw diagrams in pencil

- Essentials:**
- Black/blue and purple pens
  - Exercise book
  - Rubber
  - Pencil
  - Calculator

- Pens to write with:**
- Use black or blue pens for all your work
  - Use a purple pen when responding to feedback

**\*CPS:**  
Capital Letters  
Punctuation  
Spelling.

Start sentences with a **capital letter** and end with a **full stop.**

**Don't doodle** in books or on covers.

- How will my work be marked?
- 1 WWW**  
What you did well
  - 2 EBI**  
How it could be even better
  - 3 Action**  
What you will do to improve it

The following symbols will be used to help improve your literacy skills:

- ✓✓ Something you have done well
- ✓✓ Something you have done really well
- Sp and underlined Try this spelling again
- Sp.R and underlined Error based on a spelling rule - Try this spelling again
- Sp.H and a wiggly line under word Homophone error (e.g. there, their, they're)
- Circle Missing or incorrect punctuation (including capital letters)
- R and a wiggly line Rewrite this section/phrase/word to improve expression
- t An error in Tense
- // New paragraph needed
- ^ Missing Word

\*Capital letters, punctuation and spelling.

**Essentials**

**BLACK OR BLUE PENS**

**A PURPLE PEN**

**EXERCISE BOOK**

**PENCIL**

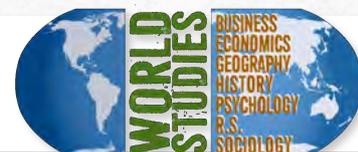
**NO LOOSE SHEETS**

**DRAW DIAGRAMS IN PENCIL**

## HCCS Chess Champion

Congratulations to Oliver Lord who won the inaugural HCCS Chess Club Knock-out, defeating Zac Perry in the final. Zac was one of a number of year 7's who exceptionally played well (defeating much older players). Chess Club is on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes in M3. A new knockout will start next term. If you would like to play, either turn up or e-mail Mr Stone. You must commit to play at least one match every week. We currently have no representatives from years 9 or 10 and would very much like some.





## Holmes Chapel Partnership – Pedestrian Access

The Holmes Chapel Partnership, presented the Pedestrian Safety Petition to Cheshire East Council. The petition, which requests that safe crossings be provided at the junction of Chester-Station Road and London Road in Holmes Chapel – attracted 942 signatures.

Crossing the junction by foot is already very difficult even though it is currently controlled by traffic lights however these are due to be replaced by a roundabout, potentially making it even harder to cross.

The Partnership have received a response from the Council, saying:

“Whilst this improvement is focussed on improving capacity of the junction and thereby reducing congestion, providing facilities for pedestrians is equally important. The detailed design of the roundabout scheme has not yet commenced but it is intended that the scheme will include a number of controlled pedestrian crossings that will allow pedestrians to cross the A50 London Road and also the A54 Chester Road.

“Once a draft scheme design has been completed, the Council will then undertake a consultation with the Parish Council / Ward Members and local residents to gain their views on the proposed scheme design.”

The Partnership will be pressing for earlier community involvement – at the start of the design process – so that the local community’s views can be represented from the beginning of the process, and thereby minimise issues at the public consultation stage.

Updates on the progress of the plans will be communicated to the local community via the Partnership’s website ([www.hcpartnership.org.uk](http://www.hcpartnership.org.uk)) and the Holmes Chapel Community Newsletter.

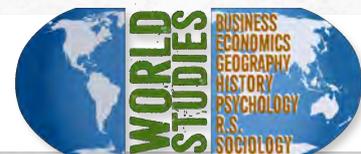


## Equestrian Team Result

On Saturday 24th March the HCCS Equestrian team placed third in the 90cm and won the 1m class. They have qualified for the County Challenge Championships which will be held on the 20th–22nd April.

Well done Martha German, Holly Nelson and Ellie Callwood.





## Congratulations on completing the Cheshire Hike

The 52nd annual Cheshire Hike took place recently with strong representation from HCCS amongst the 500 Scouts, Guides and Sea Scouts who participated. The hike involved walking for 2 days with a fully loaded rucksack, with all their camping gear and food for the weekend.

After walking on day one for over 9 hours from various start locations, they camped overnight, cooking all their own meals. The following day they walked in towards Knutsford, navigating their way between checkpoints, to all gather for awards and the coveted Cheshire Hike necker (this year it is white - as in the photo).



Pictured are: Dylan Guest, Millie Davies, Charlie Hex, Jamie Goode, Myles Grace, Miles Crichton, Robert Clare, Daniel Clarke, Tom Hey, Gareth Jones, Charlotte Moyle.

Other hikers included Alex Morgan-Hennessy, Sam Murray, Matthew Mottershead, Michael Pacitto and Tom Horton. Well done to all of you!

## School Fest Cheerleading Champions



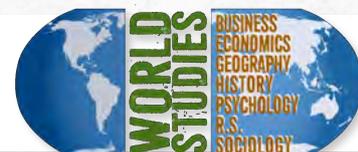
Our school team (the Homies) entered the School Fest competition in Stockport. We all had worked so so hard to get to this point where we could compete against 3 other teams in our category. It all paid off on Sunday the 25th March 2018 when we came 2nd !!

We were very pleased with our performance in what was a challenging competition. As a team we demonstrated cooperation, teamwork, perseverance and pride. These are the learning attitudes we have been adopting in school.

Although some people think that cheerleading is not a sport it is actually one of the most competitive activities around.

We are proud to have shown that cheerleading isn't just about throwing pom poms around but that it needs a lot of physical and mental skills. It demands challenging stunts that with perseverance, dedication and training we have demonstrated that we have pulled off.





## Year 7 - HCCS Vs Alsager

Our year 7's come up against a strong Alsager side in the semi final of the Cheshire cup. Yet again the lads put in a solid team performance, constructing an outstanding game of football. The front three of O'conner, Challinor and Ollier blew them away, giving HCCS a 4-0 lead within the first 20 minutes.

HCCS managed the game very well in the second half. Keeping their shape and maintaining possession proved vital in the win. Well Done lads but the job isn't quite done yet. Man of the match - Oliver Challinor

FT HCCS 8 - 3 Alsager



## Year 7 Football - South Cheshire Cup Champions



Year 7's played a very physical opposition team, Shavington, in the final of the South Cheshire cup. As ever, HCCS began strongly, constructing numerous, attacks down both flanks, however we could not find the back of the net. With the score at 0-0, it left the team very frustrated at halftime. We regrouped and the second half commenced, with a very motivated and determined team. We began to show progress. Sumner and Flanagan orchestrated our attacks, they therefore created many great opportunities for HCCS. We hit the post, bar and one cleared off the line. Was it going to be our day?

HCCS defensively managed the game very well, we were able to keep our shape and let nothing past us. The lads began to feel deflated. Then, suddenly Frazier Sumner hit the back of the net to put HCCS 1-0 up with 10 minutes to go. Defensively the players managed the last 10 minutes perfectly. Fernando, Bennett and Chapman working tirelessly to keep the ball away from our goal. Eventually, after, what seemed like a lifetime, the final whistle blew. Ft HCCS 1 - 0 Shavington #CHAMPIONS

Congratulations lads, such a great achievement going the whole season unbeaten. You've certainly set the standards high for next year. More silverware in the cabinet please.

## Year 8 Football - South Cheshire Cup Champions

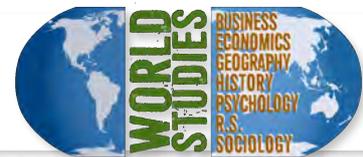
Congratulations to our year 8 football team who put on a masterful performance to beat Ruskin in the South Cheshire Cup 6-0.

A nervous start was calmed by us taking an early lead. We grew more confident throughout and started to control the ball. Every player ran until their legs felt like lead.

Congratulations on a great team performance.

Man of the match Johnny Arden





## South Cheshire Netball Tournament

The Y8 South Cheshire Netball tournament was held at Brine Leas girls school on the 20th March. Holmes Chapel represented well with talented netball players in both the 8A & 8B competitions.

The 8A team played a succession of 7 matches winning 4 and narrowly losing 2 of the games, resulting in a 4th place finish. The 8B team played a 4 way round robin and were very successful winning all but 1 game, therefore finishing 2nd.



**Y7A Teamsheet:**  
 Erika Davenport  
 Heather Gray  
 Charlotte Braka  
 Emma Cooper  
 Elena Kilby  
 Olivia Wood  
 Emma Thornhill

**Y7B Teamsheet**  
 Grace Merrick  
 Lauren Mac  
 Maria Asquith  
 Bethan Percy  
 Sophie Graham  
 Eve Skinner  
 Scarlett Newport  
 Lillie-Mae Bessant

**Y8A Teamsheet**  
 Olivia Fernando  
 Georgi Jackson  
 Caitlyn Gaynor  
 Charlotte Kerr  
 Demi Stubbs  
 Emily Bailey  
 Hannah Clark

**Y8B Teamsheet:**  
 Lydia Clive  
 Jessica Hardstaff  
 Emma Clarke  
 Macy Preece  
 Eloise Hancock  
 Chloe Brundett  
 Ella Ford

**Girls of the tournament:**  
 y7- Emma Cooper  
 y8- Caitlyn Gaynor & Olivia Fernando

The Y7 South Cheshire Netball tournament was held at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School on the 27th March 2018.

There was fierce competition as the event was well attended with 13 team competing to be at the top! The 7A team played well against demonstrating very good teamwork to be placed 5th in their competition. The 7B team won all but 1 of their matches placing them 2nd in their competition.