



Dear Parent/Carer,

As we draw to the end of the spring term preparations are being made for our whole school celebration assembly which is, as usual, themed around our Attitudes for Effective Learning, specifically 'Ambition'.

In this assembly we will be celebrating our successes during the term as individuals, groups or as a whole school and will showcase the talents of our students in a number of areas.

The assembly will be yet another opportunity to remember those who we have lost during the year as the anniversary of the Manchester Arena atrocity and the death of Nell Jones and 21 other victims approaches.

There are separate articles in the newsletter detailing two initiatives to ensure that we remember Nell. These are the Nell Jones Short Story Competition and the placing of memorial decorated pebbles in the rill within the Japanese Garden.

Please note that, although we are holding a whole school assembly next Thursday, the school day and spring term will end at 3.30. Yours sincerely,

Denis Oliver
Executive Headteacher



Josh Mitchell - Young Engineer of Year 2018

HC6F student Josh Mitchell has been awarded the UK Young Engineer of the Year title at 'The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition', for his ground-breaking project of developing an affordable 3D printer prototype called 'The Plybot'.

Josh wanted to prove that it was possible to build a 3D printer for a fraction of the commercial cost, which was easy to assemble at home and didn't compromise on print quality. His final creation, prototype of which costs £49, fits inside two 13-inch pizza boxes (unassembled), snaps together using just 18 bolts and produces print-quality that was indistinguishable from commercial printers. He has been approached to launch the product to the mass market at a fraction of the prototypes cost.

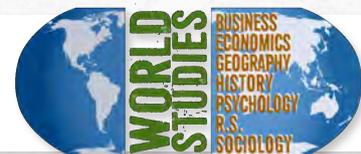


Josh did exceptionally well to reach the UK finals of the competition having won a place following entry through the online heats. He was competing against over 500 finalists, 5 of whom were then shortlisted to a Dragon's Den-style pitch. The panel consisted of 4 prestigious VIP celebrity judges. Congratulating the winner, Mark Titterington, Chief Executive of Engineering UK which organises the Big Bang Competition said: "The winner stunned judges with the insight, creativity and hard work that went into their brilliant entry. This innovative project was an extremely impressive piece of engineering that makes Josh a worthy winner of this year's award."

We are sure this will lead to an extensive array of opportunities for Josh who will be representing the UK now in international projects.



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Josh Mitchell – Young Engineer of Year 2018 Continued

Josh said: “The Big Bang Competition has been brilliant – I had such a fantastic time last year that I wanted to return this year with my project ‘The Plybot’. I’m delighted to have won and I hope the success continues into my Kickstarter campaign for The Plybot to get these low cost 3D printers into people’s hands.”

Josh wins £2,000 in prize money to continue on their STEM journey as well as a trophy and certificate. I am sure that Josh would like to thank all of his teachers who have supported him throughout his ventures including David Wheeler. We are all very proud of him.

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Message from our Learning Intervention Managers (LIMs)

Please be aware that our next interim data release will be on Monday 26th March.

Following this, students are expected to review their progress and complete their interim review document. We would like students to reflect on their academic progress and their attitude to learning.

The review document can be accessed via your child’s Google Drive and you will be able to review this task via Show My Homework. The deadline for the completion of interim reviews is Monday 16th April.

We value your input in this reflection process and would be delighted if you could support your child in the completion of the document. In addition, after the Easter holidays, we will reach a transition point for the LIM team. In future the LIMs will support the following year groups.

Joanne Camm: Sixth Form joanne.camm@hccs.info

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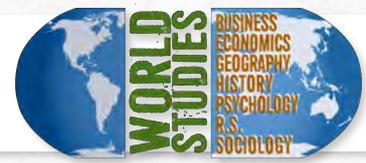
Sixth Form IAG Day

As part of the IAG day, Wednesday 14 March, the Sixth Form students engaged in a range of valuable activities.

The Year 12 students attended the UCAS convention in Manchester, and gained an exciting insight in to the possibilities available to them post 18. They attended a range of seminars on various topics including students finance, studying abroad and early entry for Oxbridge and Medicine candidates. This event has created a buzz around students and their choice of future learning pathways

The Year 13 students took part in either a day of Life Skills activities or First Aid training. Students had a lot of fun whilst gaining valuable skills. The First Aid training gave experience in a range of hands-on activities including awareness of CPR and choking. A great day was had by all.





Sixth Form Sport Relief Mile

On a bright and breezy March morning, almost 200 Sixth Form students took part in the Sport Relief Mile, raising money for a very worthy cause. At the start of the race, Mr Thomas delivered an inspirational and motivational address. Many students ran around the astro turf pitch whilst others took it at a more leisurely pace. We were lucky to have had a sunny morning and it was great to get out and stretch our legs. The first students past the finishing line was by Sean Chapman in Year 12 followed by Jacob Ryan and Jamie Dutton in runners up positions.



Year 7 STEM Project – Race for the Line

During the past few months over 200 year 7s were involved with a super-faculty wide project involving Science, Maths, Computing and Technology to create the fastest rocket powered car possible.

This project comes from the men and women behind the SSC Bloodhound and gave students a glimpse at how the engineers working on the Bloodhound will achieve speeds of 1000 mph. Students have been using their computing skills to program the micro:bit to create stopwatch and timing gates. They have been using science to explore the effects of air resistance, drag, thrust and friction. They have applied their maths skills to calculate speed and factors affecting acceleration. Finally students consolidated all this knowledge and their collaboration skills to design and make their rocket powered cars which were launched on 9th March 2018. To watch the race day and view the results check out this [video](#).

Congratulations to Ben Chapman, Hayden Bennett and Lincoln D’Annunzio-Bruns, their time with Machine Veloce puts them in the top 100 out of 18000 teams.

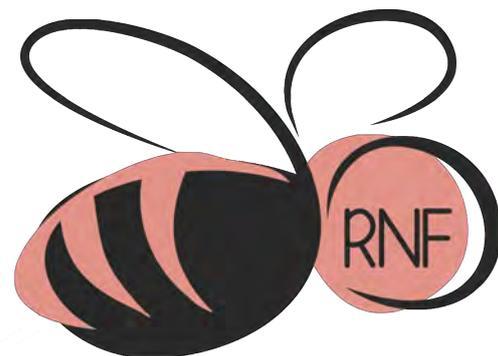




The Nell Jones Short Story Competition

Our inaugural Nell Jones short story competition has now closed with over 50 students submitting a story for judging. These stories really showcased our students' talents and creativity, with stories covering a whole host of genres. It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to read all of them. Unfortunately, the hard part of shortlisting fell to me but as this is inevitable in any competition I managed to create a shortlist of just 8 stories from Year 9 and 7 from year 10!

The judging panel, consisting of Mr Oliver, Mrs Jones, myself, Mrs Holt and Sophie Freeman (GMT), met today to discuss the shortlisted stories and decide on our top three from each year group. It was a difficult decision for all involved but after very amicable discussions we have chosen our winners! These will be announced in our end of term assembly next Friday with prizes being presented by Mr and Mrs Jones to whom we owe a massive thank you for their involvement in this competition. The names of the students shortlisted for the year 9 and 10 competitions are shown below, congratulations to them all. Emma Fraser



Remembering Nell Foundation

Year 9 Shortlist

Congratulations to
Grace Wooding
Molly Freer
Ferne Ashton
Sam Oliver
Gabriella Francoli
Jake Roberts
Lucy Hawkrigg
Joe Taylor

Year 10 Shortlist

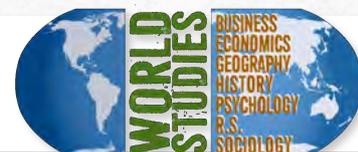
Congratulations to
Chloe Rice
Millie Bennett
Katy Stone
Antonia Gilmore-Noble
Dylan Francis
James Petty
Mia Cohen

The Cadet Marshall of the Year - Jamie Goode

Over the weekend Jamie Goode 8KM, was awarded "the Cadet Marshall of the year". This is a great achievement and one that we would like to celebrate with Jamie for his great success in extra-curricular activities outside of school.

Well Done Jamie!





Attendance Information

Please note that Cheshire East has reinstated fixed penalty notices for unauthorised holidays in term time. Absence requests for holidays booked after 1st July 2017 may be subject to a fixed penalty.

Attendance - Leave of Absence

- Any request for other leave of absence must be presented to the Attendance Manager on an Application form (found on the School's website under School, Information), at least 3 weeks in advance. This 3 week notice period will only be waived in exceptional circumstances. The application form must be completed by the parent / carer with whom the student normally resides. Once a decision has been made, this form will be returned to the parent/carer indicating whether or not permission has been granted.

Please note:

- The School will decide if the request can be authorised or unauthorised in line with Cheshire East Council guidelines.
- Each case will be considered on its own merits and the Attendance Manager may need to contact you to clarify matters.
- Leave of absence will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.
- The taking of holidays during term time is unacceptable and will not be authorised.

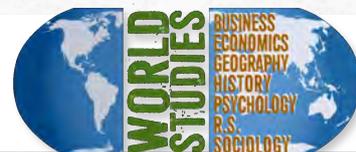
Consequences for parents taking children on leave in term time which has not been authorised by the school MAY result in a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority. Please note, this fine is applicable to each parent / carer for each child.

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HCCS Sport Relief 2018

Our students and staff have worked together to raise over £1000 for Sport Relief by completing the Sport Relief steps challenge in their PE lessons this week. The money raised will be split between the National Sport Relief fund and the Enkanini AIDS Association. This could help to get a child off the dangerous streets of Kenya, help a young carer in the UK get support or fund an orphanage for babies who are left orphaned due to AIDs in South Africa. Thank you to everyone who has taken part! Well done!





Garden of Memories Update

The garden of memories is now close to completion as you will be able to see from the aerial photographs taken by Mr Wheeler. The work has been carried out with real pride and dedication by the team from Duttons and the final result is going to be stunning. This week, the first of the plants and shrubs arrived at school and we hope, weather permitting, that when school re-opens after Easter, the majority of the planting will be complete.

Central to this project is the River of Pebbles, where we are encouraging students, staff and members of our wider community, to leave their decorated pebbles. These don't just have to be left in memory of someone, they can be memories of good times. Maybe a great holiday with family or a sporting achievement for example. The importance is about having somewhere to share memories and for everyone to be able to make their contribution to the garden. We would encourage everyone to apply some clear varnish to their pebble just to preserve the designs for longer. We will have some spray on varnish at school for anyone who needs it.

On Monday 16th April, the first day back at school after Easter, it would have been Nell Jones's birthday, the first since she tragically lost her life. It seems such a fitting day to open the garden for Nell's friends and fellow students to leave their pebbles and mark the occasion. We are encouraging everyone to who wants to join in to bring a pebble. During the day, we will be encouraging students to visit the new garden and to place their pebbles. So, anyone who wishes to decorate and leave a pebble, please bring them with you on the first day back at school. The decorated pebbles are the only form of tributes that we are asking people to leave at school. We are asking people not to leave floral tributes please. Donations can be made by cash or cheque payable to The Remembering Nell Foundation and handed in at reception.

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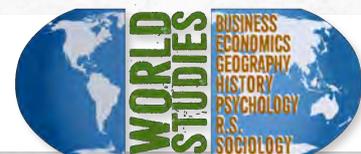
Archie Tideswell Firefighter

Archie has been going to Fire cadets since he was 12, being part of this team they get involved with a lot of Volunteering in the community. They have a weekend where all the cadets from the various areas in the UK are up against each other called Toughest Young Firefighters and last year Congleton won this contest.

The Fire Cadets were part of a 100 young people who were invited to attend an annual event to celebrate and reward the achievements of Cheshire Fire Cadets over the past 12 months, and they won Cadet Unit of the Year.

This week Archie went to his meeting and was awarded Cadet Crew Manager for Congleton, which we feel is a massive achievement for him.





Dane Sound Community Radio is Going Live!

Dane Sound Community Radio will shortly be broadcasting live on line! Run by the community, for the community, the station is based at Cranage Village Hall and is run by over 20 local volunteers. This unique project for Holmes Chapel and the surrounding areas will be providing a platform for volunteering opportunities and a channel to communicate what's going on in our area, find out about local community groups, special interest programmes and of course music of all genres. If you are a student or parent wishing to get involved, or run a business and would like to advertise with us please get in touch at contact@danessound.com. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates. www.danessound.com, Facebook: [DaneSoundHC](https://www.facebook.com/DaneSoundHC), Twitter [@Danessoundhc](https://twitter.com/Danessoundhc)

U15 Indoor Cricket County Finals

Following a comprehensive win at the South Cheshire Indoor Cricket tournament Holmes Chapel U15s went onto the County Finals this week. After a slow start, they reached the semi finals and came up against some really strong opposition in Sale Grammar School. Max Nightingale (captain) won the toss and elected to bat first and through some excellent batting from Rohan Fernando the team posted a credible 58 off 5 overs. Sale were put under really pressure early on from some superb bowling but in the end they proved too strong. Congratulations Holmes Chapel on coming joint 3rd overall.



Gymnastics Success



Congratulations to Ashton Potgieter 9AR who competes for Gymfinity Gymnastics in Trio Acrobatic Gymnastics and has regularly won medals in numerous competitions.

She and her team recently competed in St Annes, Lancashire and won gold in their group and most recently they competed in their first regional competition, the North West Preliminaries and came 5th out of 11 with a very commendable score against strong rivals.

Year 7 & 8 Indoor Athletics

HCCS indoor athletics squad were in fine tune during the cheshire finals. The competition took place at Ellesmere Port sports complex with 7 other qualifying schools. HCCS's year 7 squad set the standard for all other schools early on by winning most sprint/relay races. After setting the bar so high there was no looking back. The year 7 squad won the competition and were crowned cheshire champions. Well done lads, great team effort.

The year 8's were not so lucky, but showed togetherness and a never say die attitude, throughout the whole competition. Overall, there were some excellent individual performances but most importantly, outstanding teamwork and resilience shown.



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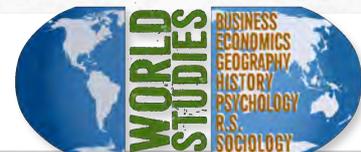
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PERFORMANCE



Year 9 South Cheshire Netball Tournament

The Year 9 South Cheshire Netball tournament was held at Sandbach girls school on the 13th March.

Unfortunately some of the regular team could not participate until later on as they were involved in a football tournament. However, all the girls played to their best ability in an attempt to retain the title of Champions. Yet, the team lost by one goal in the group stage, therefore competed in the 3rd place playoff- which they WON. They finished 3rd overall and so are bronze medalists.



Y9 Teamsheet

Ella Thompson
Macey Banks
Georgia Whyte
Alex Kyriacou
Sophie Smith
Esmee Thrasher
Jess Billingham
Roberta Dow
Morgan Birks
Sophie Barrell
Charlotte Wint

Girls of the tournament: Jess Billingham & Esmee Thrasher

Year 10 South Cheshire Netball Tournament

The Y10 South Cheshire Netball tournament was held at Sandbach girls school on the 6th March.

The girls worked hard and persevered together amongst strong opposition. Always demonstrating enthusiasm and ambition- particularly with a wonder goal from Amelia O'Connor. The team kept battling til the end and finished in 4th place overall.



Y10 Teamsheet

Poppy Halliwell
Amelia O'Connor
Ella Egerton
Holly Clark
Mia Paddle
Sarah Hatton

Girls of the tournament: Holly Clark & Sarah Hatton

U14 Football School Games Champions

The U14 girls football team qualified for the Cheshire County School Games tournament after winning the South Cheshire Tournament back in December.

The School Games took place on Tuesday 13th March at Moss Farm, Northwich. It was a festival atmosphere with U12, U14 and U16 teams there from all across the county. HCCS girls progressed through the group stages with a 1-0 victory and two 0-0 draws. Once into the semi-finals the girls stepped it up a notch, winning the semi final 1-0 and securing victory overall with a 2-0 win in the final.



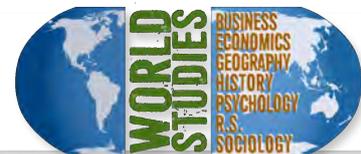
CHESHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Roberta Dow
Morgan Birks
Sophie Barrell
Charlotte Wint
Tash Shepley
Harriet Holyock
Niamh Abbott
Sophie Barrell
Em Paul
Abbie McKenzie



A word from the captain: "The girls all played really well, which paid off throughout the afternoon! We won the first game 1-0 and drew the other two games in group stages. We therefore came 2nd in our group and got through to the semis. It was a very tough match but eventually we won 1-0. In the final we were playing a team that we drew with in the group stages. The girls all played really well which led to a 2-0 win." Roberta Dow





Year 7 Football



The year 7 football team played against a London touring (Harewood House private school) side on Saturday 10th March. The playing conditions that morning didn't suit our style of play; wet, cold and very muddy. However, the lads' attitude was impeccable and played some outstanding football at times, coming out clear winners. A massive thank you to all the parents who supported the lads on what could only be described as freezing conditions. Full time HCCS 7 - 2 Harewood house

The lads now have the Cheshire cup to look forward to. After winning the league title, all eyes lay on the HCCS. Can they do the double? As always fellas, BELIEVE in yourself and you'll go a long way!!!

U14 Cheshire County Netball Tournament

The Cheshire County Netball tournament was held at Whitby High School, Ellesmere Port on Saturday the 10th March. The U14 team (Y9 girls) were in high spirits as they knew this tournament would challenge their prowess, endeavour and teamwork. They were always in with an outside chance at victory and stormed to success in the group stages. Into the semi-finals and the girls lost out to a talented team, but all was not lost as victory was achieved in the 3rd place play-off to come 3rd overall.



GCSE Dance



The Year 11 GCSE DANCERS are working hard to choreograph their final pieces for the practical exam on 3rd and 4th May. There are Easter Rehearsals on Tuesday 3rd April and Wednesday 4th April 10am - 3pm in the Theatre for any GCSE students who would like to attend.

Partner Primary Schools Hi 5s Netball



Over the last fortnight, the seven partner primaries have been competing at Hi 5s Netball. Umpired superbly by Year 10 girls, Holmes Chapel Primary were overall winners at the year 5/6 tournament. At the year 3/4 festival, there were some excellent performances from several teams most notably Chelford, Holmes Chapel and Goostrey. Congratulations all students who took part in such two fantastic evenings of competitive netball.

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



HOLMES CHAPEL SINGERS

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A colorful banner of triangular pennants in various patterns and colors (pink, blue, green, red, yellow) strung across the top of the title.

Songs for Spring



A Programme of English Song and Madrigals

7th April 7.30pm

St. Luke's Church ✿ Tickets £10

Tickets available from Ticket Secretary David Routs 01477 534928
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