



Conwy Castle Trip

Some of our Year 7 students had a brilliant trip to Conwy Castle lead by our History Department. A great day was had by everyone, all students were incredibly well behaved and loved learning all about the history of the castle over its time.



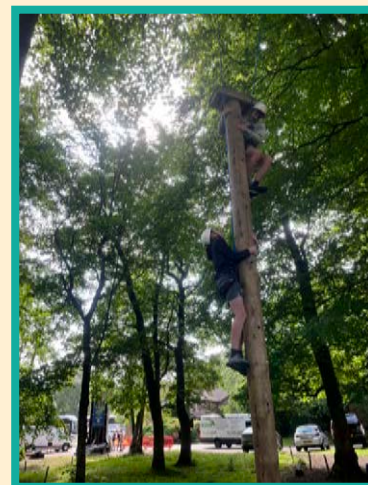
OAA TRIP- Sport Studies

As part of the R187 Module of the Cambridge National Sport Studies course, our year 10 students need to take part in Outdoor and Adventurous activities. 40 students were taken along to the Anderton Centre in Rivington to take part in a full day of OAA activities.

Students were split into four groups and took part in three activities: Kayaking, Rock Climbing, and Partner Ascent which involved both students.

All students enjoyed the day and were able to experience the outdoors in ways they may not have done before. Some students were also interested in the idea of apprenticeships and attending the Anderton Centre to further their experience in the future - potentially working in the sector.

Well done everyone.



Kindness Award

It was a bumper Kindness Breakfast in the summer term, great to see so many students awarded and celebrated for their acts of kindness. Breakfast enjoyed by everyone.



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Student Success

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Sporting Achievement!

Great achievements again from Penny M-A Y9 at her competition in June. Penny obtained 5 golds and a Silver. The silver was for a pairs kata against senior world champions. Penny and her partner gave them a run for their money. Penny said that was the highlight of her day just to have the opportunity.
Well done Penny.



Football Success

Congratulations to Evie-Rose H from Y8 and Kira P Y9, along with their team mates for winning the football cup final in the Bolton and Bury district. Winning the cup 4-0 against a team that have been unbeaten all season!
Well done girls!



International Wrestling

During the Easter Break, year 8 student Freya O'C had a jam packed two weeks competing in two international Wrestling Competitions.

The Easter break started with a trip to Tallinn, Estonia, where Freya competed in the largest wrestling tournament in the world. With 24 girls in her weight category, it was a long and challenging day—but Freya pushed through and earned a well-deserved bronze medal. A real testament to all her hard work and determination. Just two days later, she flew to Majorca for another competition. Despite facing strong opponents once again, Freya rose to the challenge and secured a gold medal, conceding only two points throughout all her matches. Both events were tough, but they've given her fantastic preparation ahead of the upcoming British Championships in a couple of weeks. We are all incredibly proud of Freya and wish her all the best in her upcoming British Championships. Well done!



Waterpolo Talent Games

Well done to Alfie D in year 8. Alfie attended the Talent Centre Games in Birmingham representing the North West in Water polo. After going into the games at the bottom of the table they came back won both games and ended up in 3rd place! Well done Alfie and all the team.

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BRITISH CHAMPION x2

Not once..... but twice!! Freya O'C in Y8 has done it again, she's two-time British Champion. During HT, Freya competed in the British Wrestling Championships and secured first place. This means that despite only being 13 years old, she is now 2 times British Champion in the sport and has dreams of retaining this next year. Freya is an outstanding example of everything wrestling and sport requires. Consistent and unrelenting commitment, respect, resilience and more than anything enjoyment! Keep it up Freya, we are a very proud of you!!



British Junior Golfer

Not one but two impressive achievements for Max G in year 9 over the Easter break. First of all, Max took part in the British Junior 3 Day Tournament where he finished 2nd. An incredible achievement and a testament to his commitment to the sport. On a more personal note, Max achieved the pinnacle of golf shots and scored a perfect hole in one at Prestatyn Golf Club when competing in golf competition. Well done Max!



British Show Jumping

Robyn B-J in year 9 has demonstrated remarkable consistency and success throughout the British Show jumping Summer League, securing her place in the Bronze League Final 2025 at the British Show jumping National Championships taking place in August 2025!

In addition to this, Robyn has Qualified for the 1m Restricted Rider Championship at the British Show jumping National Championships, and been selected to represent the Lancashire and Cheshire Academy Team at the British Show jumping Academy Teams National Championships Final. Robyn's record this season has been nothing short of exceptional—she has won at every level she has competed at and at every venue across the country, with the sole exception of one event where she placed second by 0.03 seconds! Most notably, she also won a Grand Prix at a National competition, another significant milestone in her riding career. Fabulous achievements Robyn well done.



British Show Jumping

Alia H from Year 9 has qualified for 'Just for schools' representing Westhoughton High School in the 110 cm class. She came 2nd in her qualifier and will be representing Westhoughton High School at the "National's" which is large British Show Jumping Association show at the end of summer. Amazing Alia.

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BMX National Series

Brooke F from Year 7 competed in rounds 2&3 of the BMX National Series in Cumbernauld Scotland. Brooke was amazing achieving 2nd on Saturday and then 5th on Sunday. Amazing, well done!



Liverpool Charity Bike Ride

On Sunday, 5th July, Poppy-Lea S from Year 8 took on the challenge of the 25-mile Liverpool to Chester bike ride, all in support of North West Cancer Research. Joining hundreds of passionate riders across various events, they pedaled with purpose—raising vital funds for life-saving research in the fight against cancer. The weather held out beautifully, adding to the spirit of the day, and the ride proved to be not only a physical achievement but a truly rewarding and enjoyable experience. Well done Poppy-Lea what an achievement and raising money for a great charity.

Open Water Champion

Heath M in Year 7 competed in the Swim England North West Regional Open water championships at Sale water park. Heath won his 2K race coming away as both Lancashire Champion and North West Region Champion, amazing achievement Heath well done.

League Winners

Maggie H from Year 10 plays for Atherton Town under 15, and they won the league! The team are undefeated and Maggie was Captain when winning the Cup game. What an achievement, well done Maggie and all the team.



Northern Inter-Counties Athletics Championship

In May Olivia C from Year 10 was picked and represented her County (Greater Manchester) in the Long jump at the Judith Templeton Northern Inter-Counties Athletics Championship. Olivia achieved qualification by securing bronze at the Greater Manchester Championships with a PB of 4.74m. To represent your County and to get a County vest in Athletics is some achievement. Olivia has been a member of Leigh Harriers Athletic club for many years and competes in long jump, sprints and discus. Great achievement Olivia!



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Talk of The Town

"A new event for us in school, and a chance to showcase the amazing work done by our learners. There was a sense of such pride for all that was on show. It coincidentally happened on "national thank a teacher day". What I saw is what happens when teachers that are truly dedicated to what they do manage to enthuse others to learn.

I joined the profession 28 years ago because I loved my subject and I wanted to share it with others. I saw this on display everywhere during this event.

More than anything I was reminded what a privilege it is to work in this incredible community with such talent across so many disciplines - in both staff and students alike. Leading a school doesn't ever feel better than this, I genuinely hope that our event has been the talk of the town." Mr N S Coe - Headteacher



AE Yates Career Insight Visit

A mixture of Yr 9 & 10 students were treated to an Industry Insight Visit at A E Yates to provide students some information about what the company do and the construction Industry. A E Yates and the team led by Saffron were awesome. They first delivered a presentation about different roles within the company whilst sharing some Labor Market Information about the roles, progression routes into the industry.

The students then listened to individual talks from the CEO to Senior Project Managers that gave them an insight into their roles and day to day responsibilities. This was an opportunity to inspire and illuminate the thoughts in the students about their next steps.

Saffron then led the students through a team building construction task and an experience in a truck simulator, where the students got the opportunity to navigate a course by driving a truck through the course. After this the students then went on a site tour led by Mike, giving them all a real insight into the sheer volume of the site and the different phases to the project.

The students really enjoyed it but learned so much about A E Yates and what the company does. We would like to thank A E Yates Ltd. Saffron, Sven, Mike and Dale for the day and giving our students this brilliant opportunity.



St Ives

Year 10 Geography students spent a busy 4 days visiting St Ives. While there they have hiked a section of the Salt Path observing coastal processes and landforms. Studied the sea defences around the harbour. Taken part in a surfing lesson. Completed a treasure trail and observed the impact of tourism in the town centre. Enjoyed al fresco dining around the harbour. Partaken in beach games each evening. On their way back they visited the Eden Project to study the Rainforest biome helping to prepare them for their GCSE. What a great 4 days they had and packed full of learning!

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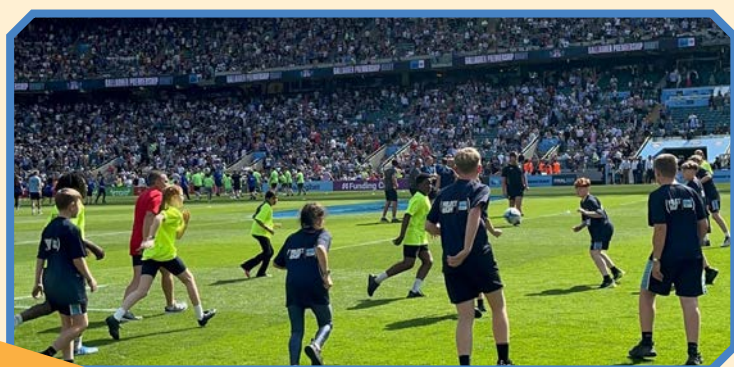
PROJECT RUGBY- TWICKENHAM TRIP

Over the last couple of years Westhoughton High School PE department have been very lucky to be able to work closely with Sale Sharks Foundation to grow Rugby Union within the school and Bolton area as part of the 'Gallagher Project Rugby Programme'. As part of this programme, WHS students in all years have had coaching from professional rugby players, school tournaments at Bolton RUFC and also tournaments at the AJ Bell stadium.

As part of the programme, 10 Westhoughton High School students were selected to represent Sale Sharks at the '2025 Gallagher Premiership Rugby Final' at Twickenham Stadium in London. As part of the day, students travelled down to Twickenham and took part in a rugby festival at Richmond College against representatives from all of the other Premiership clubs. Following this, they were gifted tickets to the premiership final between Bath Rugby and Leicester Rugby, where they were able to take in the atmosphere inside and outside of the stadium before watching Bath narrowly win and be crowned champions and lift the trophy!

The real icing on the cake however was at half time, where students were allowed to play a game of touch rugby on the ACTUAL PITCH in front of a sold out stadium of over 80,000 people. Students had a magnificent day and were impeccably behaved throughout, with their conduct being commented on by staff from other schools and members of the public.

A massive thank you must go to Laura Perrin and Sale Sharks for facilitating everything and providing what is definitely once in a lifetime experience for our students!! The smiles on the faces of Henry F, Heath M, Zach N, Zachary B, Oliver J, Freddy H, Callum T, Theo A and Freya O'C say absolutely everything.... THANK YOU!



Physics Olympics

8 of our Year 9 learners went to Bolton School to compete in the Physics Olympics. They took on many problem-solving tasks throughout the day including rocket design and launch, tower construction, boat building, working out the mass of objects without a set of scales and creating their own marble run.

They rose to every challenge admirably and finished the day with 1 gold medal and 2 silver medals in individual team events along with coming 3rd place overall from the 18 schools from around Greater Manchester who came to compete.

They were an absolute credit to our school demonstrating our LEARN values in practice all day as they worked together in their teams!

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Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

The director would like to thank each and every pupil and staff member involved within the school production, from band, to crew and to cast for working together to make what truly was an amazing production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. It was a pleasure to work with you all and see you all grow into your responsibility for the show. It was a magical experience and I'm sure you'll treasure the memories and friendships you made during this show. Thank you to our audiences as well, we hope you had a blast.

Race to the Line

Race to the Line is a STEM project that was completed by all Year 7 students since Easter. Working in small groups with limited resources each group had to redesign a block of stylofoam and shape to their chosen design to see what specifications are needed to increase the speed the car will travel. It is a 'The Learning Partnership' project that local companies sponsor. Our sponsor was DL M&E Building Services Ltd, Ben Milner the Managing Director presented the certificates.

1st place went to - Fantastic 4 from 7M - Owen O, Leo T, Jasper C and Alvin C
2nd place went to - 7T - Elliot A, Hao Y, Toby Z and Harry L
Well done Year 7 taking part in this project and having a great afternoon of racing.



WHS Pride Colour Run

A great big, enormous rainbow-y thank you to all students and staff who participated in the WHS Pride Colour Run. Students and staff ran through clouds of colours to celebrate Pride month. At the end of the run everyone enjoyed a free ice cream and danced on the field to some classic Pride anthems. It will be a core memory for so many of these students and will reaffirm their right to be confident and proud of their identities and support their friends. #TeamWHS spirit at it's absolute best and most beautiful!