

ASHTON HIGHLIGHTS

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HUMANUTOPIA HEROES



We are delighted to introduce our new team of Humanutopia Heroes. Forty two of our year 10 students have volunteered to become heroes with the aim of improving their life chances by developing life skills at home, school and within their community to act as pro-social role models for younger children.

The heroes are looking forward to making a positive impact around school and are starting their new roles by dedicating some of their free time to the Ashton Café, the Magic Breakfast and peer reading. We extend our congratulations to Selin and Tianne who have been appointed as our lead heroes.



Upcoming Events:



21ST NOVEMBER
Celebration Evening - 6.15pm

29TH NOVEMBER
Inset Day (School Closed)

2ND DECEMBER
Inset Day (School Closed)

5TH DECEMBER
Year 10 Parents' Evening

12TH DECEMBER
Year 9 Parents' Evening

13TH DECEMBER
Christmas Lunch

W/C 16TH DECEMBER
Wellbeing Week

20TH DECEMBER
School finishes for
Christmas at 1pm



MAGIC BREAKFAST



Ashton Community Science College is proud to be one of the first schools in Lancashire to sign up to the new National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP), funded by the Department for Education and delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast.

A healthy breakfast can provide children with the energy and nutrients they need to thrive; increasing alertness, improving behaviour and giving them the motivation to learn.

Every morning in the school dining room, between 8.00am-8.30am, our dedicated year 11 heroes serve a complimentary breakfast of bagels, cereal and fruit to all our students.



MAGIC BREAKFAST ~HOUSE COMPETITION~

Help with designing a brand new mural for the Magic Breakfast hatch and win house points and mystery prizes!

- Designs must of course be inspired by...
!! BREAKFAST !!
- Draw, paint, collage or use anything you fancy and hand in your designs to Miss Boon-itt in room 14
– Don't forget to put your name, –
form and house on the back
- Deadline is the 21st November 2019

!! HAPPY DESIGNING !!

A collection of various breakfast items drawn in a cute, cartoonish style. Items include a sunny-side-up egg, a strip of bacon, a carton of milk, a slice of toast with blueberry jam, a strawberry, a glass of orange juice with a straw, a slice of toast with butter, a glass of milk, a cup of coffee with a swirl of cream, a stack of pancakes with syrup, a slice of toast with pink jam, a donut, an apple slice, and a small white egg.

This week we are launching a competition for students to design a mural for the Magic Breakfast hatch.

Designs must be inspired by breakfast.
Competition closes on 21st November.

Please hand your design in to Miss Boon-itt in Room 14.

Good Luck!



RUNNING CLUB

Our new "couch to 5k" running group teamed up with the regular running club which takes place every Friday after school. The run was led by Miss Evans and Miss Richards. It was a lovely autumnal afternoon with runners of all abilities pounding through the reds, yellows and russets of the falling leaves, which carpeted the route along the Guild Wheel.

The new group will train alongside the current running club and will follow a different route and pace, with a mixture of walking and running. Their ultimate aim is to be able to run 5k!



The Running Club meets at door 4 every Friday at 3.20pm and caters for runners of every ability. All students and staff are welcome.

WHAT'S COOKING AT ASHTON?

As part of the AQA GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition course, students need to have an understanding of different cuisines. We are currently looking at Italy and today students took part in a pasta masterclass. In groups, students made pasta dough using a food processor, then used a pasta machine to make a sample of a lasagne sheet, several ravioli and some tagliatelle.

Our assessed practical for this half term will be lasagne, where students will make a Ragu cheese sauce and lasagne sheets and then assemble them in layers.



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Linguists of the month

Year 7

Abdullah Islam -
for great effort in
lessons and
helping at open
evening

Joseph Howlett
- for
communicating
in French



Year 8

Jess Kurjan -
for trying her
best and being
helpful

*Adam
Witkowski* -
for great
contributions
and brilliant
French

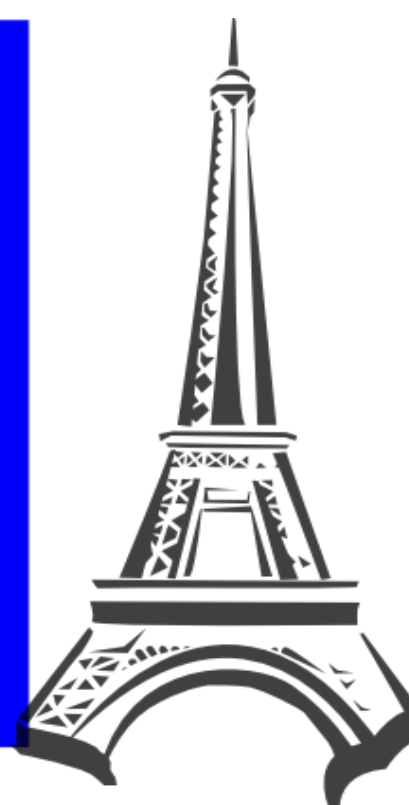
Year 9

Grace Thompson - for fantastic effort in French lessons

Adil Idrees - for working hard and always trying his best

Year 10

*Patryk
Witkowski* -
for great effort
and being
helpful



Year 11

Zofia Allen - for
great effort

*Krystian
Pietryka* -
for great effort

Beth Dodd - for
great effort and
producing
quality work



Mr Fern

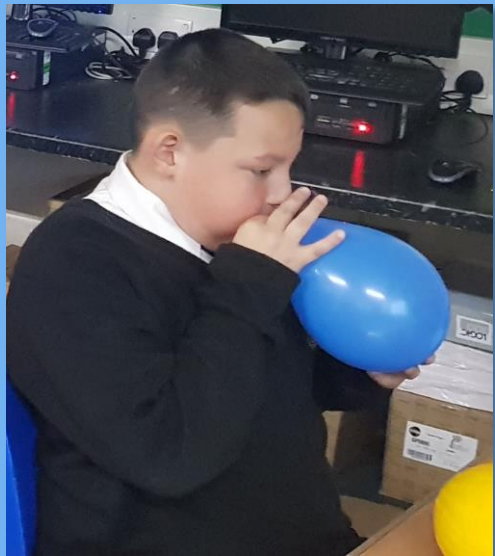
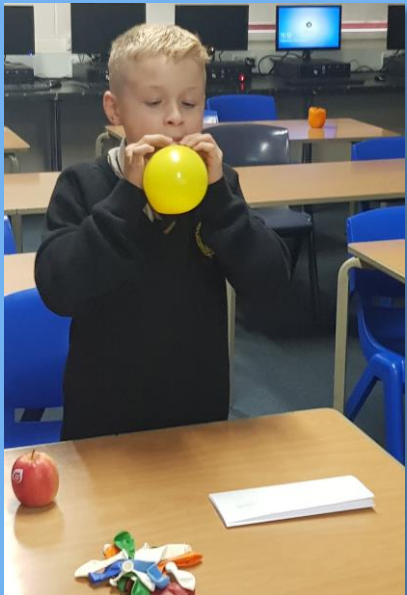


Miss Borwick

This week our task involved blowing up as many balloons as possible within two minutes, with the catch that some had been pre-punctured. Our students and staff did a great job and the top prize went to Mr Woodcock. Mr Barrow, Bobby Newton, Mr Phillips, Thomas Strickleton and Will Sumner received 4 points.

Our leader board stands as below:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Mr Woodcock |
| 1 | Mr Phillips |
| 2 | Amber Robson |
| 2 | David Rushton |
| 2 | Zak Mohammed |
| 3 | Theo May |
| 4 | Albie Taylor |
| 5 | Dominic Parkinson |



CLASS OF 2019

If you left school in July this year after taking your GCSE exams, you should have received an invitation inviting you to our celebration evening in school on Thursday 21st November at 6.15pm.

During the evening you will be officially presented with your GCSE certificates.

Please contact main reception to confirm your attendance.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

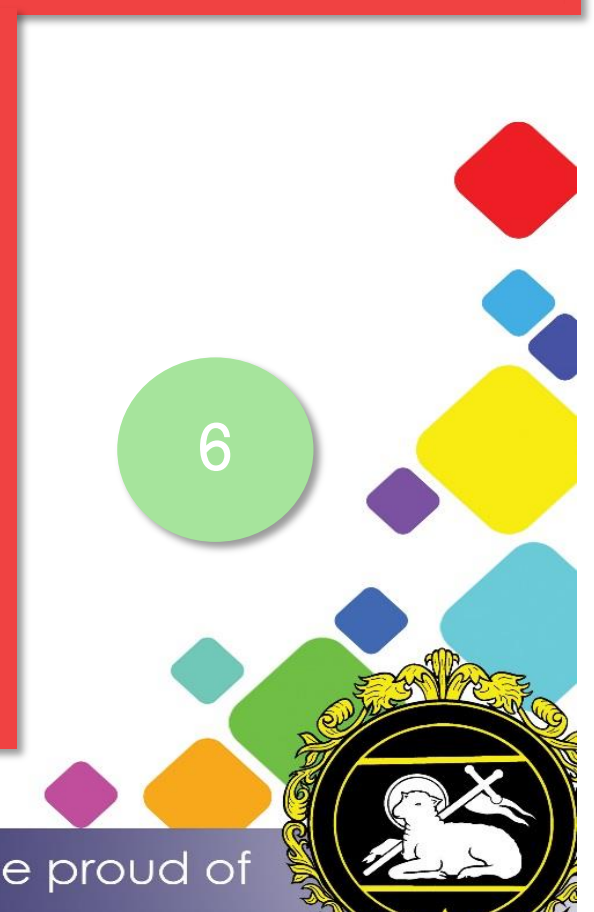
Students from all year groups have been remembering the sacrifice of our armed forces in the run up to Remembrance Day. Every year group has had a special Remembrance Day assembly delivered by Mr Pugh, Head of History.

The focus of these assemblies was on the use of Pals Battalions in the First World War with a particular focus on the Accrington Pals and most of all the Preston Pals. The students were shown images of the Preston Pals parading on the Flag Market and then marching towards Preston station before hearing about the role they played in the Battle of the Somme, particularly on the 23rd July when they played a part in a heroic attack on German trenches near High Wood.



This attack sadly cost the lives of many of the Preston Pals and the students were shown images of the Thiepval Monument where many of the names of those killed are displayed. The students were encouraged to think about all soldiers from Britain who have sacrificed their lives serving for their country and to spare a special thought for the men of Preston who served in the Preston Pals and never returned to their home town.

As a school community we stood to observe two minutes silence in lessons on the 11th November at 11am with the last post playing around school.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF ...



Mrs Price

What was your previous post before joining Ashton Community Science College?

I started at Ashton as a Teaching Assistant in 2007. I then trained as a teacher in 2008 and continued to work at Ashton as a teacher of ICT and Business Studies. I left Ashton to teach A Level Business Studies and Computing at Hutton Grammar School for 18 months, before moving to Texas with my family due to my husband's job. We lived there for 5 years. I returned from Texas in July 2019 and came back to Ashton in September as a Teaching Assistant in the Science department.

What's your job role in school?

Teaching Assistant in the Science Department.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to run and keep fit. I regularly participate in 5k and 10k runs and attend Parkrun on a Saturday morning at Avenham Park. I also attend a local boot camp class. I love spending time with my three children, going out on our bikes and going for ice cream.

What book are you currently reading?

Zero waste home by Bea Johnson.

Describe Ashton in 3 words

Nurturing, friendly and awesome (as they say in Texas!).

Favourite moment of your first half term?

The first 'Wonderful Wednesday' that I attended in briefing. It was definitely a 'feel good', positive start to the day. You can see all the smiles on the faces of both the students and the staff. So lovely to see.



Miss Corsby

What was your previous post before joining Ashton Community Science College?

I used to work at Rossall School near Fleetwood where I taught for 8 years.

What's your job role in school?

Teacher of Science.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy cooking and walking my dog in the countryside.

What book are you currently reading?

Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China by Jung Chang.

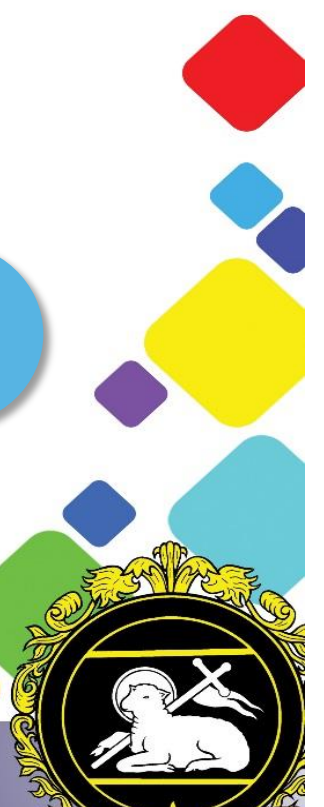
Describe Ashton in 3 words

Friendly, supportive, happy.

Favourite moment of your first half term?

Teaching potion making at the Harry Potter Day!

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PRIMARY FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS

On Friday 15th November, over 180 primary pupils from year 4 flocked into the sports hall for an afternoon of putting their throwing, jumping and running skills to the test.



Pupils from St. Andrews, Sherwood and Queens Drive were helped through their afternoon of activities by a number of our very own Junior Sports Leaders. These leaders were selected by the PE department as they have shown the potential to develop into highly successful leaders both within school and beyond.

Mr Martland, Headteacher of St Andrew's Primary and organiser of the event was extremely happy with all the hard work and effort put in by the primary pupils and the junior sports leaders; "It's fantastic to see so many young people enjoying all the activities on offer. We are very lucky to have access to such brilliant facilities which allow us to offer an event of this size."



This is just one of three similar events that our school will host and assist with for our local primary schools.

Keep your eyes peeled in future newsletters for other events in which our students have boosted their leadership opportunities!



WORD OF THE WEEK

We are working with our students to expand their **vocabulary** so that they can better understand the world around them and communicate more effectively.

Each half term we introduce a new set of words during form time where we explore their meaning and discover the contexts these words can be used in.

Vocabulary

enables us to interpret and to express.

If you have a limited vocabulary,
you will also have a limited vision
and a limited future.

~ Jim Rohn ~



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We refer to these words when appropriate in lessons so students can see these new words modelled.

Repetition and exposure of new vocabulary is the key to embedding it. Please look out for our word of the week in each newsletter and try to include it in conversation with your child outside school to further support them.

Characteristics (noun)

Meaning: A feature or quality belonging typically to a person, place, or thing and serving to identify them.

Example: The tiger hid amongst the jungle vegetation camouflaged by its characteristic black and orange striped coat.

Synonyms: Attribute, feature, quality.

MATHS CHALLENGE

Pens cost 14p each and pencils cost 5p each.

Alexis spent 71p altogether.

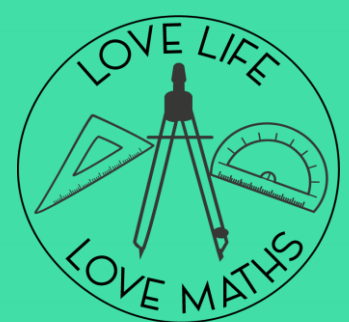
How many pens and pencils did she buy?

Take your answer to Mr Fern in Room 25 for a smiley.

We will share the answer in next week's newsletter.

The solution to last week's puzzle – 5.

They are 1, 2, 3, 11 and 17 – Well done if you got it right!



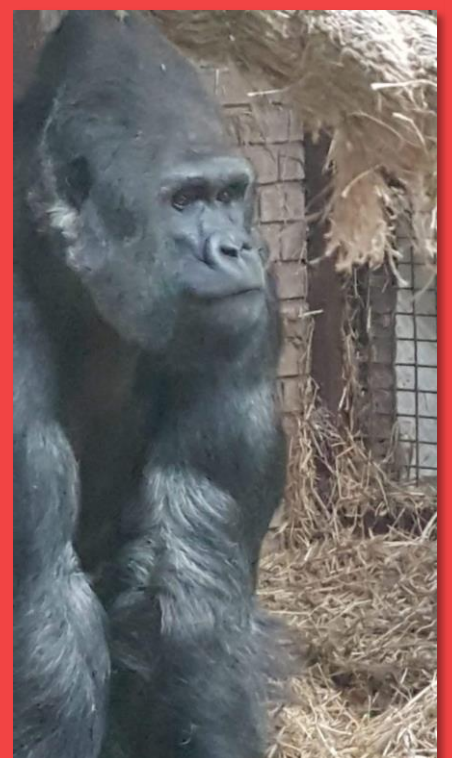
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ART & DESIGN AT BLACKPOOL ZOO

On Tuesday 12th November Year 10 Art and Design students visited Blackpool Zoo as part of their GCSE coursework.

They are currently working on a project called 'What animal would you choose?'

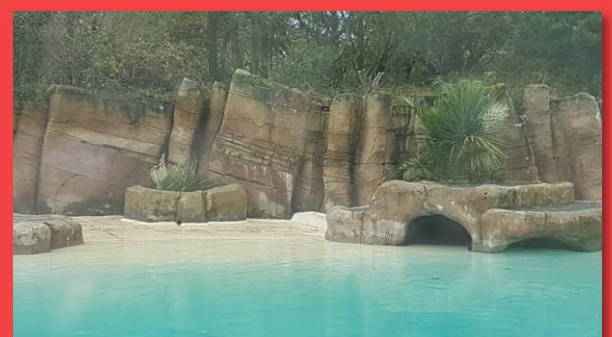


The aim of the day was to gather evidence for their project by taking photographs of animals and their habitat, sign posts, information boards and pathways.

The rain held off all day and a great day was had by all.

Now it's time for the hard work to begin by creating and developing art work from the images they have taken.

Look out for some of their designs in future newsletters!



ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Sophia Saint in year 9 produced her icon 'Chuck' from Gossip Girl, played by Ed Westwick.

Sophia shows real talent using the formal elements. Well done!



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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY



Our Wonderful Wednesday nominees were all very surprised to hear they had been nominated. They were invited into the staff room and presented with a letter and a bar of chocolate from Dr Walmsley, Deputy Headteacher to congratulate them on their nominations and to thank them for making Ashton #proud.



As always the nominations were for a variety of reasons from learning a song about the countries of the world to improving their attendance. We also had nominations for students who are working extremely hard to achieve great results and for helping staff to run clubs at lunchtime.



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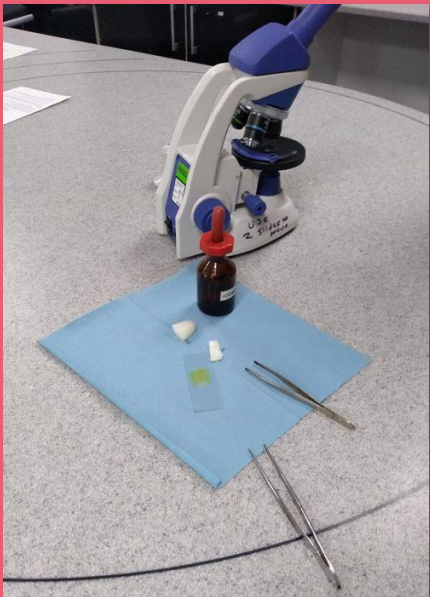


SCIENCE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

We are proud at Ashton Community Science College to hold the contract for Lancashire and Cumbria Science Learning Partnership (SLP), in connection with the National Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Centre.



Our role is to provide high quality continuing professional development (CPD) for STEM teachers, technicians, lecturers and teaching assistants working with students aged 5 to 19 across Lancashire and Cumbria.



We organise bespoke CPD for schools, set up networks, deliver courses and provide consultancy support.

This week we opened our doors to many secondary teachers focusing on Key Stage 3 Practical Biology - learning through practical work.

For further details of our courses please email us at slp@ashtoncsc.com or visit our website at <https://www.ashtoncsc.lancs.sch.uk/training-cpd/science-learning-partnership>

WHAT'S YOUR CHILD EATING THIS WEEK AT LUNCHTIME?

Traditional Meal Deal

- Monday Pork Sausages with Onion Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli Florets & Carrots
- Tuesday Homemade Steak & Onion Pie with Baby Baked Potatoes, Garden Peas & Gravy
- Wednesday Roast of the Day with Traditional Trimmings, Roast & Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
- Thursday Creamy Paprika Chicken with Herby Potatoes, Fine Green Beans & Carrots
- Friday Crispy Battered Fish with Chunky Chips & Mushy Peas

Traditional Meal Deal

- Monday Southern Fried Chicken Tortilla Wrap with Paprika Wedges & BBQ Beans
- Tuesday Chilli Con Carne with Mixed Rice & Nachos
- Wednesday Sweet Chilli Chicken with Crunchy Vegetables & Noodles
- Thursday Pasta Bolognese with Homemade Garlic Dough Balls
- Friday Homemade Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice & Coriander Naan

Vegetarian Meal Deal

- Monday Vegetable Biryani Curry with Coriander Naan
- Tuesday Creamy Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Garlic Bread
- Wednesday Homemade Margherita Pizza with Mixed Salad & Coleslaw
- Thursday Brunch, Veggie Sausage, Free Range Omelette, Hash Browns & Baked Beans
- Friday Spicy Bean Burger with Chunky Chips & Mixed Salad

Dessert of the Day

- Monday Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard, Berry Muffin, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
- Tuesday Creamy Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries, Chocolate Cookie, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
- Wednesday Chocolate & Mandarin Sponge with Custard, Sticky Parkin, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
- Thursday Lemon Drizzle Cake, Raspberry Bun, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice
- Friday Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard, Fruit Shortbread, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice

A choice of hot or cold filled sandwich or filled jacket potato are also available on a daily basis.

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CHILDREN IN NEED 2019

Melissa, Chelsea and Ellie, three of our year 10 students have taken Children in Need to their hearts this year.

They have encouraged our students to swap £1.00 of their pocket money for the chance to wear something spotty or striped on Friday 15th November to support the annual Children in Need event.

The girls originally approached Miss Asquith, Headteacher to ask permission to lead on this event and they have organised and promoted the event themselves. They visited all forms daily to encourage all students to take part or at least make a donation on the day.



Well done to all three girls for taking time out of their busy school life to support this very worthwhile cause. Their fundraising efforts have raised a fantastic amount of £237.25. A huge well done to Melissa, Chelsea and Ellie. We are proud of your efforts and we look forward to your next initiative in school! Thank you to everyone that donated to this worthwhile cause.

NATIONAL ANTI BULLYING WEEK

This week is National Anti Bullying week. At Ashton Community Science College bullying of any kind will not be tolerated. Please contact a member of staff if you have any concerns.

In form time this week we have been focusing on increasing everyone's awareness of what bullying looks and feels like and the effects it can cause.

The aim is to educate our students so that they become responsible citizens and speak out against bullying.

So what is bullying?

Bullying falls into two categories:

- Emotionally harmful behaviour, such as taunting, spreading hurtful rumours and excluding people from groups, or cyber bullying.
- Physically harmful behaviour, such as kicking, hitting, pushing or other forms of physically abusive behaviour.

The behaviour constitutes bullying if:

- it is repetitive, wilful or persistent.
- it is intentionally harmful, carried out by an individual or group.
- there is an imbalance of power leaving the person who is bullied feeling defenceless.

CHANGE
STARTS
WITH
US
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

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SPORTS RESULTS – LAST WEEK

| <u>Sport</u> | <u>Year Group</u> | <u>Result</u> | <u>Opponents</u> | <u>Our Player of the Match</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Badminton - Boys | 11 | Lost | Archbishop | - |
| Badminton - Boys | 11 | Won | Longridge High | - |
| Football - Boys | 9 | Won | Broughton B Team | Dominic Simpson |
| Football - Boys | 11 | Won | St. Mary's (Wigan) ESFA Cup | Lewis Leigh Krystian Pietryka |
| Rugby - Boys | 8 | Lost | Archbishop | Liam Gavell |
| Rugby - Boys | 8 | Draw | Our Lady's | Liam Gavell |



| <u>Sport</u> | <u>Year Group</u> | <u>Result</u> | <u>Opponents</u> | <u>Our Player of the Match</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Netball - Girls | 9 | Lost | Longridge High | Sophia Saint |
| Netball - Girls | 10 | Lost | Longridge High | Trinity Salisbury |
| Netball - Girls | 10 | Won | Our Lady's | Megan Slater |
| Netball - Girls | 11 | Lost | Longridge High | Abigail Gregson |
| Netball - Girls | 11 | Lost | Our Lady's | Katie Taylor |

This Week's Fixtures - Boys

Rugby



Mon 18th Nov
Yr 7 vs Archbishop
& Our Lady's

Football



Tues 19th Nov
Yr 8 vs
Fulwood Academy

This Week's Fixtures - Girls

Football



Tues 19th Nov -
U13 tournament at PlayFootball

Thurs 21st Nov - U12 vs Broughton,
Our Lady's & Christ the King

Netball



Wed 20th Nov
Yr 9, 10 vs
Our Lady's

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