ASHTON HIGHLIGHTS

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NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK



Mr Wallis, our senior leader in charge of careers, has an exciting week planned for all students next week.

During National Careers Week (2nd-7th March) we will be showcasing how each of the subjects taught at Ashton can lead into a multitude of careers. All students will take part in their normal curriculum but each subject will focus on how the knowledge and skills developed in that area of the curriculum leads into a whole host of different jobs or sectors of industry.

Some faculties will be having visitors from industry in their lessons to talk to students about how they have used what they learned in the classroom in their careers. Staff will spend time explaining their varied career paths to their classes and there will be a careers quiz running all week, contributed to by all faculties.

The main aim of this week is to make what is taught in school relevant to students when they think about what they want to do in the future and to build on the idea that school is there to help prepare them for being successful adults in the future.















Upcoming Events:



2nd-7th March - National Careers Week

5th March - World Book Day

2nd April - Y10 Parent's evening 2

3rd April - School closes for Easter at 3pm

20th April - School reopens

30th April - Y8 Parent's evening

LOVE LIFE, LOVE MATHS

At Ashton, we believe in an enhanced curriculum where students, in and away from the classroom, are able to Love Life and Love Maths. Maths takes a vital role in our daily lives from everything from our technology to going out shopping.

So what is going on in Maths?

We are preparing for our visit to the Maths Live Conference taking place in Disneyland Paris. Here, students will hear about how the GCSE Mathematics curriculum links take a role in creating an experience for people's entertainment as well as the effect of gravity and weightlessness.

Of course, there will be some time for loving life as the students enjoy the park and watch the Disney illuminations and fireworks.

We took part in the first ever Maths Week England this year and are already planning for 2020. Maths Week England is all about allowing students (and parents) of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy interesting mathematical experiences. Our termly maths days are a huge success where students come together to complete challenges in our inter-house competition. The current scores stand at:

1st place 2nd place 3rd place 3rd place 4th place 5th place













We are supporters of the United

Kingdom Mathematics Trust and are preparing for the regional finals to take place on the 22nd April. Students in Year 8 and 9 are undergoing our Ashton team challenge first with the winners going on to represent our school.

We have just had our results back for the Intermediate Challenge (year 9 and 10 entered) and are pleased to announce that the following students achieved an award.

Ashton Charles Brandon Bryans Finlay Walbank Selin Mawdsley Joshua Parkinson Jack Marshall

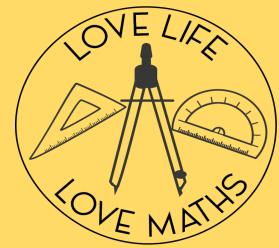
Jack shall be going on to represent our school in the next round!

We have just started studying statistics with our Year 10 students. Exploring analysing data and trends in the real world. Our young statisticians are learning to question the data and information that floods our lives, testing it for its accuracy and reliability.

Our weekly maths puzzle is a highlight of everyone's week with answers flying in all around the clock!

Have you tried this week's?

Take it to Mr Fern for a smiley.





Finally, we love to award our students for their devoted efforts.

Last half term maths champions are as follows:

<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 9</u>	<u>Year 10</u>	<u>Year 11</u>
Cerys Richardson	Vim Manatunga	Millie Lowe	Sam Dale	Kristen Chen
Harry Scott	Jenny Lee	Tyriece Frye Keira Tyson		Eryk Kuszynski
Daniel Shipman	Emmanuel Olurotimi	Eve Brown	Aidan Worrall	Jake Walton
Cara Beard	Martha McClaren	Harry Stephenson	Kate Spavold	Ben Blackburn
Ryan Nicholls	Jacob Holley	Liam Halliday	Owen Downes	Hashir Iqbal
Courtney Mason	Matthew Garstang	Isaac Rotherham	Nadine Critchley	Jude Roberts
Hayley Eastham	Edgar Alves	Jessica Williams	Heather Bamber	Holly Briggs
Macey McBride	Anjela Mincheva	Sam Scott	Ella Charnley	Isobel Johnson
Oliver Burton	Keira Leigh	Gracie Noone	Faye McCullough	Taylor Price
Cameron Kay	Maklaine Bottomley	Kyson Scowcroft	Tim Olurotimi	Chloe Rigby
George Gregson	Corey Fowler	Makenzie Martin	Robert Casey	Jay Davies
Thomas Shaxon	Sophie Wright	Aidan Lakha	Connor Wright	Natasha Emmett
			Megan Wright	Ben Richardson
			Keaton McMillan	Dan Thompson

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Kate and Maia were awarded in Wonderful Wednesday as they had the brilliant idea of raising money for Manchester Children's Hospital. They wanted all staff and students to wear something Green for a donation of £1. The girls chose green as this is the colour that represents the hospital. The girls were nominated by Mrs Barrow for all their hard work and setting a great example for other students. As a school we were all so impressed with their thoughtfulness, organisation and dedication, this really embraces why we are a school to be PROUD of! Very well done girls. We hope you are as proud of yourselves as we are of you!





INTRODUCING OUR STAFF...



Mr Woodcock

What's your job role in school?

I teach maths and finance and am head of maths and associate assistant head teacher responsible for curriculum impact. I have worked at Ashton for 11 and a half years.

What did you do before you started working at Ashton?

I worked at a school in Blackpool for 3 years which was my first teaching job.

What is the best thing about working at Ashton?

The support that all staff give to each other and the big whole school events such as sports day and Docks to Disney.

Describe Ashton in 3 words.

Friendly, fun, unique

What book are you currently reading?

It's not really a book as I usually listen to audiobooks but I'm currently reading this months edition of The Cricketer magazine.



Mr Glover

What is your job role at Ashton? I teach maths and finance.

What did you do before you started working at Ashton?
I worked at a school in Skelmersdale as a science and maths teacher.
Before that I worked as a Fisheries Officer for the Environment Agency.

What is the best thing about working at Ashton? All the fantastic friendly staff and students.

Describe Ashton in 3 words? Effective, caring, family.

What book are you reading at the moment?
Val McDermid series of detective fiction.
Various maths related texts.
"A dogs guide of how to train your human"
Victorian Britain
A book about the Bedlam lunatic assylum.
Shardlake series of medieval thrillers.
Turning the tide on plastic
Screwfix catalogue.
Plus a number of others!

Student Focus-Joe Singleton

Joe attends Police Cadets so we asked him the following questions...

What cadets do you attend?

I go to the Police Cadets. I'm part of the West Lancashire division. We do our training at Preston College. I've been going once a week, for nearly a year.

What activities do you do whilst at cadets?

The activities are different every week, at our last session we had fire training from a company call Phoenix Fire, they taught us how to use fire extinguishers properly and effectively. Another activity we recently did was role-plays which involve victims, suspects and police officers in a scenario which we act out. We also help at Charity events .

What made you want to join the Cadets?

Originally I wanted to be in the Royal Navy so I attended Navy cadets. In 2019 I found out I had autism, this meant I could not be in the Royal Navy so I resigned and went to my plan B of being in the Police Cadets.

How did you join the cadets?

I knew someone who was already in the Cadets so I asked him how to join. I went to a website call VCP (volunteer Police Cadets) and filled in an application form. Once this has been filled in it can take between 2-3 weeks to find out if you have an interview. Luckily I found out within a day!





How has being in the cadets helped you in everyday life?

It has helped me in lots of different ways. If I see someone struggling I want to go and help them. I also have the training to help, we all have first aid training so I would know what to do if someone was injured and needed help. It has massively improved my confidence to.

What do you enjoy about the cadets?

There is a nice friendly atmosphere. All the people who go to Police Cadets are amazing and kind especially the leaders.

What have you learnt at cadets?

I have learnt how to take statements. I've also learnt how to make entries in a pocket notebook and the phonetic alphabet.

What book are you currently reading?

I am currently reading Cirque de Freak by Darren Shan

How can other people join the Cadets?

They could join through the website and application form. Or if they wanted more information they could ask their neighbourhood PCSO or speak to someone at the Police station, they would happily help! You have to be between 13-18 years old to join

What is your favourite subject at school and why?

My favourite subject is History. I enjoy learning about what life was like before I was born.

GO GREEN!

Just before half term Ashton CSC went green in response to the Spavold sisters call to raise awareness and money for Manchester Children's Hospital.

As usual team Ashton came together as a community to support the cause and raised a massive £455.93. The Year 7 charity account will top this up to £500.

A massive thanks to all for your contribution.



A big shout out to our staff cake makers Mrs Baldwin and Miss Mohammad for their collective £36.00 raised - especially as it was parents evening the night before - that was some late night baking from them!!!

Faith and Keisha Y7 also donated their homemade wares, supporting the Spavold family effort - all cakes were sold out before the end of break!



The ever reliable Belle, Chanel and Issy toiled through their lunchtime, painting faces for those who like a bit of fun!

For those who bought a green ribbon brooch, donned an item of green or who just popped their pound in the pot, we could not have done it without your donation.



The Spavold sisters are a great example to us all - it was their idea and they were brave enough to run with it!





WHAT'S YOUR CHILD EATING AT LUNCHTIME?

Traditional Meal Deal

Pork Meatballs in a Spicy Arrabiata Sauce with Pasta & Homemade Garlic Bread Chicken & Leek Pie with Baked Baby Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy Roast of the Day with Roast & Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables Honey Glazed Gammon & Pineapple with Garlic & Herb Potatoes & Garden Peas Crispy Battered Fish & Chips with Mushy Peas

Traditional Meal Deal

Week

Crispy Chicken Goujon & Tomato Salsa Wrap with Paprika Potatoes & Mixed Salad Beef & Sweet Potato Curry with Mixed Rice & Coriander Naan Bread Sticky Chicken in Honey, Ginger and Soy with Soft Egg Noodles Beef Chilli Tortilla Basket with Baked Potato Wedges & Mixed Salad Thai Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Mixed Rice

Vegetarian Meal Deal

Vegetarian Sausages & Onion Gravy with Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans & Carrots Cheddar Cheese Quiche with Baby Baked Potatoes & Mixed Salad
Veggie Spring Roll with Sweet Chilli Vegetables & Soft Egg Noodles
Garlic, Mushroom, Spinach & Mascarpone Pasta with Garlic Bread
Homemade Chilli Cheese & Red Onion Pizza with Chips & Mixed Salad

02/03/2020 Dessert of the day

06/03/2020

Apple & Berry Crumble with Ice Cream, Chocolate Cookie, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice Peach Melba, Lemon & Ginger Shortbread, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice y Chocolate & Mandarin Sponge with Custard, Ginger Cookie, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice Mixed Berry Fool with Biscuit Crunch, Chocolate Muffin, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice Jam Sponge with Custard, Raspberry Bun, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice

A Choice of Hot Filled Sandwich Meal Deal or Filled Jacket Potatoes are also available on a daily basis.

Catering at Ashton Community Science College is provided by **Lancashire County** Council School and Residential Care Catering. We care about the food your child eats at lunchtime and contantly seek improvemnts to ingredients and menus.

Traditional Meal Deal

Monday Meatball Marinara Melt Sub Roll with Baked Potato Wedges, Garden Peas & Sweetcorn
Tuesday Homemade Chicken & Vegetable Hotpot with Broccoli Florets & Sliced Beetroot
Wednesday Roast of the Day with Traditional Trimmings, Roast & Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables
Homemade Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread & Mixed Salad
Crispy Battered Fish with Chunky Chips & Mushy Peas

Traditional Meal Deal

Week

Monday Creamy Pasta Carbonara with Homemade Garlic Dough Balls
Tuesday Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcakes with Sweet Chilli Vegetables & Noodles
Wednesday Homemade Beef Curry with Mixed Rice & Coriander Naan
Thursday Homemade Quiche Lorraine with Baked Beby Potatoes & Baked Beans Chinese Chicken Curry with Chunky Chips, Garden Peas & Sweetcorn

Vegetarian Meal Deal

Homemade Cheese & Onion Pie with Herby Potatoes, Garden Peas & Gravy Pasta Neapolitan with Homemade Cheesy Garlic Bread Wednesday Homemade Margherita Pizza with Mixed Salad & Coleslaw Veggie Quorn Chilli with Mixed Rice & Nachos

09/03/2020

Baked Macaroni Cheese Gratin with Homemade Garlic Bread & Mixed Salad

Dessert of the day

14/03/2020

Jam Sponge with Custard, Cherry Cookie, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice Lemon & Ginger Shortbread, Chocolate Muffin, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice Wednesday Vanilla Sponge with Chocolate Sauce, Fruity Flapjack, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice Thursday Carrot Cake Muffin, Chocolate Cookie, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice Apple Pie with Custard, Raspberry Bun, Fruit, Yoghurt or Juice

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

Locally Sourced Food Yoghurt Ribble Valley Longridge

We buy local produce to support local businesses and reduce food miles.

100% of our food suppliers are classed as local and 75% of our food purchases are produced in the UK. Our service recognises the value and the UK. Our service recognises the value and importance of sustainable and responsible food sourcing.

Our aim is to positively influence the diet of our children and young people, and always consider where the food we put on the plates comes from and how it was produced.

Special Diets and Allergies

It is our policy to provide a menu for those pupils with medically diagnosed food allergies, food intolerances or a medical condition which affects eating requirements

Special diets are diets for pupils with a medically diagnosed requirement, not just a dislike of certain foods or food groups.

For further information regarding allergies and special diets, please visit www.servinglancashire.org.uk











DOES ATTENDANCE MATTER?

100% 0 Days Off 0 Lessons Missed

99% 1 Day Off 5 Lessons Missed

98% 3 Days Off 15 Lessons Missed

97% 1 Week Off 25 Lessons Missed

96% 1.5 Weeks Off 35 Lessons Missed

94% 2 Weeks Off 50 Lessons Missed

93% 2.5 Weeks Off 65 Lessons Missed

92% 3 Weeks Off 75 Lessons Missed

90% 3.5 Weeks Off 90 Lessons Missed

How much learning have **YOU** lost?

5 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY = 3 DAYS LOST

10 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY = 6.5 DAYS LOST

15 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY = 10 DAYS LOST

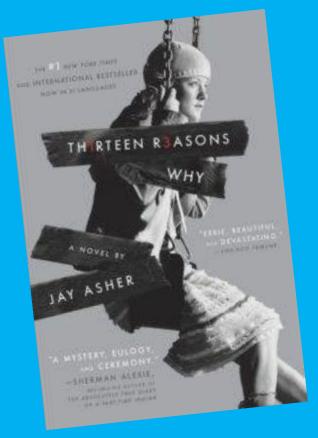
20 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY = 13 DAYS LOST

30 MINUTES LATE EACH DAY = 19 DAYS LOST

THIS WEEK'S RECOMMENDED READ!

Thirteen Reasons Why

Hannah Baker has committed suicide. She's left cassette tapes with Clay Jensen, her crush, to tell him that he's one of the reasons why she ended her life. Clay must embark on an emotional journey with Hannah as his guide as he learns the truth behind her decision.



ACCELERATED READER PROGRESS

Accelerated Reader is proving to be a huge success at Ashton. In year 7, 78% of pupils have made accelerated progress since September. There are so many individual success stories it is hard to mention them all. We have pupils who have read books that challenge them academically and pupils who didn't enjoy reading but now love nothing more than being immersed in a story. The pupils below however, deserve a special mention as they are the top 7 in the year for progress.

Keep your eyes peeled over the next few weeks for the success stories from year 8 and 9.







ASHTON ALUMNI

INTRODUCING... HEENA PANCHAL

When did you leave Ashton?

2009

What are you doing now?

I am a senior Scientist at AstraZeneca. My role is quite varied, currently I am looking at improving the Chemistry for a phase 3 drug that will be manufactured for clinical trials next year.

I get to work alongside some really talented people so I am always learning something new.

What qualifications, skills or experience do you need to get where you are?

I did Maths, Chemistry and Biology A-levels, and then went to study for an integrated Masters in Chemistry at the University of Manchester. After I graduated I moved to the University of Nottingham to do my PhD, which I completed last year.



Can you offer any advice to our students?

I have had quite an academic path to get here and it has been incredibly tough. My advice would be to persevere and be resilient, because it is all worth it afterwards. I love my job and as hard as the last few years were I wouldn't change a thing.

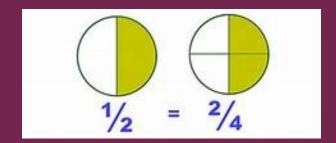
WORD OF THE WEEK

Equivalent

As an adjective

Definition Equal in value, amount, function, meaning.

Example: "Both children were given equivalent amounts of pocket money.





BEDROCK LEARNING

We are transforming Year 9 homework in English. We will now be using an online programme called Bedrock Learning. Year 9 will complete digital lessons that include fiction and non-fiction texts; they will also complete fun

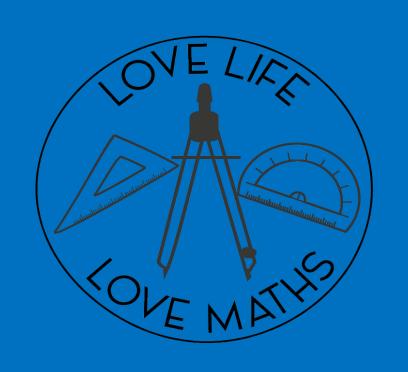


learning activities, games and quizzes to help develop an understanding of ambitious vocabulary. Parents, we recognise that you want to support your child in their reading and vocabulary growth but often are unsure of how to help. We will provide a login for you to access your child's account and support their development. There is also an app that you can download.

MATHS CHALLENGE

Johnny Leaper was born on the 29th February 2012.

- 1. On his third birthday, how old will he really be?
- 2. In which year will his age be the square of his birthday?
- 3. In which year will his age be the cube of his birthday?



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

The solution to lasts week's puzzle = 5, 248

Well done if you got it right!



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP SYSTEM



1st place - 6912

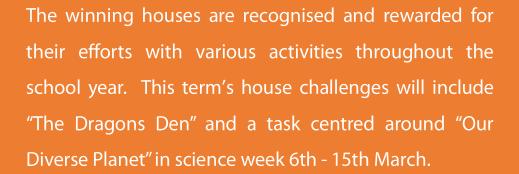


2nd place – 6798



3rd place – 6216

The House System at Ashton gives students the opportunity to work together with their peers under their own house banner. Every student and member of staff is assigned to a house named after a PROUD PRESTONIAN past and present. Students can earn valuable house points for good behaviour, work, effort and for taking part in regular house competitions. All points count towards the House Championship Scoreboard.





4th place – 6171



5th place - 5687



6th place - 5311

REVISION STRATEGIES - PRACTICE PAPERS ARE YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND!

One of the best revision tips to help you prepare for your GCSE exams is to do as many

practice papers as you can. They will help you become familiar with the exam format, question style and time restraints, so when it comes to the real thing you'll already know what to expect. Completing old exam papers is also a good way to test your current knowledge and help you identify any areas you're struggling with. Ask your teachers for a few years worth of papers and schedule one or two a week into your revision timetable.



STUDY SUPPORT CLUBS - SCAMPs - SPRING 2020 (Mon-Wed)

MONDAY

Before School (8am - 8.30am)

Library Inspire building **BMN**

Breakfast Club Dining Hall

Lunchtime (1pm)

Fitness Club Boys Fitness Room TTR

Multi Sports - Yr 7 & 8 **Sports Hall** LVT, EDP

Library & Homework Club **Inspire Building** BMN, SRS

> Careers Guidance **Careers Office** JLG

Taskmaster Updates outside Rm 33 SFN, SBK

> Art Rm 14 **SBL**

English Revision Grade 5 Rm 40

SKR

Maths Rm 24 **EHD**

Meditation and Relaxation

Rm 31 SBY

Computer Science Revision -

Yr 10 & 11 Rm 23 MAH

After School (3pm)

Rugby Matches - Yr 7-11 TWG, TTR

GCSE PE Practical Component - Yr 11 LVT

> Library & Homework Club **Inspire Building** 3pm-4.30pm BMN, SRS

BTEC Performing Arts & **Child Development Support** Hive

SBS

Computer Science Revision -Yr 10 & 11

Rm 23 MAH

TUESDAY

Before School (8am - 8.30am)

Library Inspire building **BMN**

Breakfast Club Dining Hall

Lunchtime (1pm)

House Competitions Sports Hall LVT, EDP, TWG, TTR

Ashton Geographical Society Rm 13 DES, PWE

Library & Homework Club **Inspire Building** BMN, SRS

> Careers Guidance Careers Office JLG

Taskmaster Updates outside Rm 33 SFN, SBK

> Art Rm 14 SBL

English Revision Grade 7 Rm 40

SKR

French Listening - Yr 11 Rm 31

SBY

Chemistry Revision Lab 4

SCN

History Club - Yr 7 Rm 9 JYS

Duke of Edinburgh - Yr 9 Rm 22 HAT

After School (3pm)

Library & Homework Club **Inspire Building** 3pm-4.30pm BMN, SRS

Football Boys - Yr 7 & 8 3G

Netball Girls - Yr 8-11 Sports Hall

TWG, TTR

LVT, EDP Science Club - Yr 7-9 Rm 3

> **History Revision** Rm 30 MPS Rm 9 JPH

NCO

Food Catch up - Yr 10-11 Rm 8 **SBN**

WEDNESDAY

Before School (8am - 8.30am)

Library Inspire building **BMN**

Breakfast Club Dining Hall

Lunchtime (1pm)

Girls Football - Yr 7-11 Sports Hall LVT, EDP

Fitness Club Girls Yr 7-11 Fitness Room **EDP**

Library & Homework Club **Inspire Building** BMN, SRS

> Careers Guidance **Careers Office** JLG

Taskmaster Updates outside Rm 33 SFN, SBK

> Art Rm 14 **SBL**

English Revision Grade 6 Rm 40 **SKR**

> Reading Club Library MPN

Skittles group **ABH**

EAL Catch up Hive **BSS**

After School (3pm)

Library & Homework Club **Inspire Building** 3pm-4.30pm BMN, SRS

> **Rugby Boys Field** TTR

Netball Girls Fixtures LVT, EDP

> **History Revision** Rm 30 MPS Rm 9 JPH

English Revision - All Grades Rm 40 SKR

Geography Revision - Yr 11 Rm 13 **JWN**

STUDY SUPPORT CLUBS - SCAMPs - SPRING 2020 (Thur-Fri)

THURSDAY

Before School (8am - 8.30am)

Library Inspire building BMN Breakfast Club Dining Hall

Lunchtime (1pm)

Basketball - Boys - Yr 7-9 Sports Hall TWG

> Maths Rm 26 CLY

Library & Homework Club Inspire Building BMN, SRS

> Careers Guidance Careers Office JLG

Taskmaster Updates outside Rm 33 SFN, SBK

> Art Rm 14 SBL

After School (3pm)

Library & Homework Club Inspire Building 3pm-4.30pm BMN, SRS

> Football Girls 3G EDP, LVT

BTEC Performing Arts & Child Development Support Hive SBS

> Creative iMedia Room 22 GLS











FRIDAY

Before School (8am - 8.30am)

Library Inspire building BMN

Breakfast Club Dining Hall

Lunchtime (1pm)

Dodgeball - Yr 7-9 Sports Hall TWG, TTR

Dance - Yr 7 & 8 Rm 15 Year 11

Board Games - Yr 7-11 Rm 33 SBK

Library & Homework Club Inspire Building BMN, SRS

> Careers Guidance Careers Office JLG

Taskmaster Updates outside Rm 33 SFN, SBK

Arts & Crafts Yr 7-9 Rm 14 Yr 11 Heroes

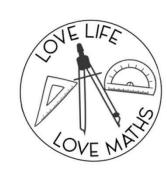
After School (3pm)

Library & Homework Club Inspire Building 3pm-4.30pm BMN, SRS

> Running Club Door 4 - 3.15pm Students & Staff ABW

Couch to 5k Meet at door 4 3.15pm Yr 7-11 HES











SPORTS RESULTS - LAST WEEK

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	Our Player of the Match
Footballl- Boys	10	Postponed	Various	
Handball - Boys	11	Won	Christ the King	Layton Hartley
Handball	11	Won	St Cecilias	Lewis Leigh





<u>Sport</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	Our Player of the Match
Handball-Girls	9	Lost	St Cecilias	Hilary Moses
Handball-Girls	9	Won	Longridge B	Mia Cottam
Handball– Girls	9	Won	Broughton	Emily Cameron
Handball-Girls	9	Lost	Longridge A	Fia Saint
Handballl– Girls	9	Drew	St Cecilias	Daisy Spencer

Next Weeks Fixtures - Boys Basketball



No fixtures this week

Football



Yr 10 Football vs St Bede's
Ormskirk

Rugby



No fixtures this week

Next Weeks Fixtures - Girls

Football



No fixtures this week

Netball



No fixtures this

