

Headteacher's Blog - Celebrating a Fantastic Half Term at Congleton High School

As we approach the end of this half term, I'm absolutely thrilled to reflect on the incredible achievements and vibrant events that have made the past few weeks so special at Congleton High School.

Our PE teams have truly outdone themselves, delivering outstanding performances across a wide range of sports. The dedication, teamwork, and competitive spirit of students have made us all immensely proud. A huge thank you to our PE staff for their tireless support and to our families for cheering from the sidelines.

We're also deeply grateful to the families who've been sending in news of their children's achievements outside of school. It's been inspiring to hear about students excelling in show jumping, karate, swimming, gymnastics, and many other clubs and activities. These stories remind us of the diverse talents within our school community and the importance of celebrating every success—big or small.

Inspiring Curiosity and Ambition This half term has been packed with enriching experiences:

- Year 8's visit to Jodrell Bank sparked awe and curiosity as students explored the
 wonders of space and science. It was a day full of questions, discovery, and
 inspiration. Staff at the centre were really impressed by how polite and engaged
 our students were!
- Year 6 Diversity Day welcomed partner primary schools to Congleton High for a celebration of culture, inclusion, and shared learning. The energy and engagement from all involved made it a truly memorable event.
- Our Open Evening was a resounding success, showcasing the heart and soul of our school to prospective parents and students. From classroom demonstrations to student-led tours, the evening was a testament to the pride we all share in our school.
- Yr11 Mock interviews we were delighted to welcome a large number of local employers to CHS to provide our students with an interview experience. Our students really made their mark and this has opened doors to some for future employment/potential apprentice opportunities! If you own a business and would like to work with us please get in touch!
- We were honoured to take part in the Adolescence Event, working in partnership with the Town Council and the White Ribbon campaign. This



initiative highlighted the importance of community collaboration and supporting young people through the challenges of growing up.

📦 A Fond Farewell and Warm Wishes from Congleton High School 📦

As we wrap up a vibrant and successful half term, we'd like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to three cherished members of our staff who are moving on to exciting new opportunities.

Thank You and Best Wishes, Mr Curry, Mrs Horsley, and Mrs Kenyon have each given many years of dedicated service to Congleton High School, shaping the lives of countless students and contributing richly to our school community. Their passion, professionalism, and kindness will be deeply missed. We thank them sincerely and wish them every success and happiness in their future endeavours.

A Big Well Done To every student who has improved their attendance or maintained full attendance this half term—congratulations! Your dedication, resilience, and determination are truly commendable. We see your courage, curiosity, and ambition reflected in your presence each day, and it strengthens our school community in every way.

At Congleton High, we believe that learning is most powerful when we're all together. Every lesson, every conversation, every shared experience helps build the future—and we're so proud of the way our students and families are embracing that journey.

Important Reminder Please note that Tuesday, October 24th is a staff INSET day, and school will be closed to students.

As we close out this half term, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families who continue to work in partnership with us to support full school attendance. Your commitment makes a real difference.

Kind regards,

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