



Headteachers Blog – October 2026

As we settle into the new academic year, I am delighted to reflect on what has already been a fantastic start at Congleton High School. It has been wonderful to see our students return with such enthusiasm, positivity and a real commitment to learning. The school has been buzzing with energy, and I am incredibly proud of the way our students have embraced the opportunities and challenges that a new year brings.

One of the highlights so far has been our **Year 5 and 6 Open Evening on 24th September**. It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective students and their families into our school community. The evening showcased the very best of Congleton High School, with our staff and students working together to bring learning to life and demonstrate the breadth of opportunities available here. I would like to thank everyone who helped make the event such a success, particularly our students, whose enthusiasm, confidence and pride in their school were evident throughout the evening.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to our **Sixth Form College Open Evening on 21st October**. This will be an excellent opportunity to discover more about our Sixth Form provision, meet members of our team and learn about the academic pathways, enrichment opportunities and support available to students as they take their next steps towards further education, university and future careers. We look forward to sharing what makes our Sixth Form such a special place to learn and grow.

Beyond the classroom, we have also enjoyed an amazing start to our extracurricular programme. It has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved in clubs, teams, performances and activities, developing new skills, building friendships and representing our school with pride.

Our PE teams have already enjoyed some brilliant wins, and I would like to congratulate all the students involved. Their determination, teamwork and sportsmanship are a real credit to themselves and to Congleton High School. These achievements reflect the hard work of our students and the dedication of the staff who support and coach them.

We are equally excited about the performing arts, particularly our school production of **Oliver Jr.** School productions provide such a valuable opportunity for students to showcase their creativity, develop confidence and work collaboratively towards a shared goal. The

commitment and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved have been wonderful to see, and I know that the production will be a memorable experience for our cast and crew.

A further highlight is our fantastic Duke of Edinburgh award with students completing Bronze and Silver awards at the school. In true DofE fashion our Silver adventures took on wind and rain and did so with courage and good humour – the sun came out on day two which was much welcomed! A huge thanks to all the staff who are ensuring this amazing opportunity is on offer for so many of our students. We have are currently sitting behind Eton School as a schools which has the highest cohort for DofE! Amazing achievement as we are only in year 2 of the programme.

At Congleton High School, we believe that education is about so much more than academic achievement alone. It is about helping every young person discover their strengths, develop resilience, build positive relationships and make the most of the opportunities available to them. The fantastic start we have made this year, both in the classroom and through our wider school activities, demonstrates exactly what makes our school community so special.

I would like to thank our staff for their continued dedication, our families for their ongoing support, and, most importantly, our students for the energy, ambition and enthusiasm they bring to school each day.

There is so much to look forward to over the coming months, and I am excited to see what we can achieve together. Thank you for being part of our school community and for helping to make this such a positive start to the academic year.

With best wishes,

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