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SKIING IN THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE!

Students travelled to France's second oldest ski resort for the 2016 ski training course



Welcome to our Easter newsletter, which sees us two thirds of the way through our year. The enthusiasm of our students, staff, governors and partner primaries keeps the pace of life rapid at CHS, with so much happening each term and this one was certainly no exception. We've tried to capture as much as possible in this newsletter but our website and Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts are also great ways of keeping up to date.

In February, we celebrated Cmat's second year of striving to improve education, not just at CHS, but across Congleton and Cheshire East. In January, Cmat members joined a delegation to London to fight for equal education funding for our area and you can read all about this and how you too can play your part on page 5.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that we were at capacity and this is the case again for our 2016 intake. Unfortunately we have had to disappoint some people that were hoping to secure a place here but we are very fortunate in Congleton to have two good high schools, so we are confident that those we have not been able to accept will still receive equally high levels of education, care and support.

As we move into the Summer Term, the approaching exams will be front of mind for all our students. This can, of course, be a stressful time for children and parents alike and we urge you to work with both form tutors and curriculum teachers to ensure that stress is kept to a minimum and that each student has an effective revision programme. We have a range of guides and sources of information on the [student](#) and [parent areas](#) of our website, designed to help at this time, so please have a look at these.

We wish you all an enjoyable Easter break and, for students due to sit exams next term, try to use the time to plan the next few months, which will help you to relax and work effectively in the run up. We look forward to welcoming you all back in April, rested and ready to do what we are best known for at Congleton High - Achieving Success Together!

Mr D Hermitt

Executive Principal (CHS)



Update from Adam and Sophie

The school's 2015-16 Head Boy, Adam Bailey and Head Girl, Sophie Hammond, take the opportunity to update everyone on the activities that they and the Student Leadership Team have been involved in this term.

We were both very proud to have been appointed Head Boy and Head Girl this school year and as we reach the end of what has been another busy term we are still very much enjoying the responsibility, with the support from the sixth form student leaders and all of the Student Leadership Team.

A key part of our role is to ensure that the student voice is both represented and heard and earlier this term the Student Leadership Team asked for the school lockers to be relocated from the Humanities corridor after concerns were raised by students. We are delighted to say that the senior staff listened to the students' views and the lockers have since been moved - a real indication of how highly the student voice is valued within our school.

Another improvement we are striving to achieve, alongside Parents in Partnership, is the construction of a school shelter that will allow students to meet with friends and enjoy their lunch in the quad, while being protected from the rain and sun. The Student Leadership Team have been taking part in a '£20 challenge' this term, which has seen each year group having to show their own initiative, leadership and organisation skills to raise as much money as possible from an initial £20 investment. There have been a range of events organised, from cake sales to a raffle and we are currently planning a series of fundraising events for next term. Make sure you keep an eye out for these!

Finally, as part of our role, we represent the student voice at governors' meetings and we recently gave a presentation to governors, outlining what we have achieved this year and our aims for the remainder of 2016. The presentation was well received and we look forward to continuing to represent the student voice next term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Adam and Sophie



An Excellent **BBC** School Report

BBC School Report Day 2016 was on Thursday 10th March and, once again, our fifteen strong crew of production staff, reporters and presenters used their skills to report on a number of topical local and national issues.

Our team produced a fantastic news report covering topics such as Film Classification, Job Aspirations and general news and, in recognition of the BBC News School Report's tenth anniversary, also examined changes in technology over the last decade. They pulled together really well, both in small groups and as a complete unit, with everyone playing their part in the success of the day, in front of and behind the camera.

In addition to the reports put together on the day, the task is ongoing as part of the group's Media Club activities. The team is still finalising production of three film reviews and also working on a printed news report on gender equality in school text books.

You can see the results of our Congleton High School BBC News School Report from 2016 and previous years on our [website](#) in the News and Events section.

Credits:

Presenting: Joe and Laetitia

Decade of Digital: Asa, Dillon and Joe

Film Classification: Ben, Ewan and Kian

Job Aspirations: Aaron, Ben and Liam

Weather: Liam

And also: Arrabella, Callum, Jake, Jorgia, Kaelin and Levi

And a big thank you to Miss Eardley for making it all happen!



Raising Awareness

Following a fantastic reception for their Disability Awareness drama production at the Open Evening back in September, the Year 11 GCSE Drama Group were asked to stage the performance for each year group assembly.

The piece had been put together with Mrs Davis as part of the GCSE coursework and enabled the students to explore their own and others' attitudes towards disability, think of the issue from all perspectives including as a disabled person or carer and also consider the effects of intolerance.

The work helped the fifteen students involved raise their own awareness of disability issues, along with that of their audiences and helped to give them a far greater understanding of the obstacles - both physical and emotional - that disabled people have to tackle on a daily basis.



Rotary Finalist

Year 10, Jamie Casey, recently represented us at the Young Chef District Final in Rochdale. Competitors were asked to prepare a three course meal in two hours and Jamie chose a Greek inspired menu, with a starter of Mediterranean Fish Stew, followed by Lamb Koftas, Hummus, Tzatziki and Pitta Bread with a Baklava dessert.

Jamie also spent a day at the Marriott Hotel at Manchester airport, where he and other competitors were given tips on presentation of their competition dishes by the chefs and restaurant staff.

Mrs Thorpe said: "Jamie worked very hard out of school hours to achieve such a high standard. He always produces dishes with complex flavours and demonstrates a tremendous range of technical skill".



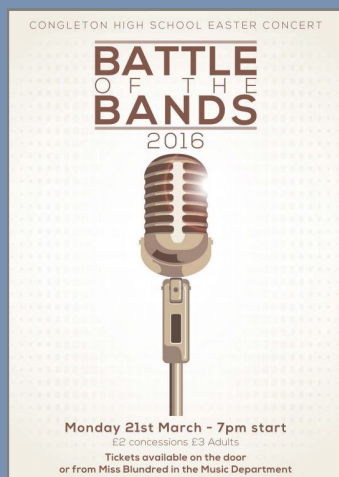
An African Experience

In the summer, two of our Year 9 students, Amelia Speed and Hannah Bleackley, set off on a voluntary trip to Tanzania in Africa with a team of twelve from New Life Church to help out with the building and decoration of a nursery school and orphanage in Berega.

One of the highlights of the visit for the pair was helping out with the babies in the orphanage, 'especially Melina and Fundisha'. The girls stayed in student accommodation whilst there, surviving bed bugs, cockroaches and bats in the toilets! They thoroughly enjoyed their trip and particularly wanted to thank Parents in Partnership (PiP) for their backing and support.



Battle of the Bands



Monday 21st March saw the culmination of many months of work, with the arrival of the long awaited Easter Concert. Many of the year groups had formed bands to perform on the evening, which proved to be a lively, fun event, attended by many parents, family and friends.

The concert offered our many musical students the perfect opportunity to showcase their wide range of talents and incredible skill. Bands from Year 7, 10, 11 and 12 entertained the audience and, in a demonstration of the strong relationship between students and the school, our fantastic finale even featured some ex-students!

Mrs Davis, Curriculum Head, commented:

'Every year I am overwhelmed by the skill and maturity of our musicians and this year was no exception. Thank you to everyone involved in making it such a spectacular event.'

A Thought Provoking Visit

At the end of February, fourteen of our Year Ten students travelled to Poland for an emotional visit to a number of the key sites related to the Holocaust. The trip gave students the opportunity to explore the impact of discrimination and what it can lead to.

During the trip, students had the opportunity to take part in a guided tour of Krakow city centre including the Old Town Square, University District and the ghettos of the Jewish Quarter.

They also visited the interactive Schindler's Museum and learned the story of the city of Krakow during the Nazi occupied years from 1930-45.

The group paid a reflective and moving visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and extermination camp. They were told of the history of the camp, what prisoners there experienced and of the eventual liberation in 1945.

The group ended their visit by meeting a survivor from the Holocaust who told an extremely moving story of survival, which provoked many questions of identity and forgiveness.

One student, Ewan Ling, spoke of the impact the visit had made on him: *'Krakow was a really nice place but it was horrible to think that such a tragedy had occurred here only seventy five years ago. We visited Auschwitz Concentration Camp on the outskirts of the town, which was truly shocking. It's staggering to think that humans can inflict such pain onto others, simply because of their religion or background. This trip is definitely an experience that I will never forget.'*



Fighting for Fairer Funding

Back in January, Cmat members, including our Executive Principal, Mr Hermitt, travelled with Fiona Bruce MP and other education colleagues to meet with the Minister for Childcare and Education, Sam Gyimah MP, to highlight the serious national inequalities in school financing and seek equal funding for Congleton students.

Representing all stages of education, from early years to nineteen, the group included Cmat's Mr Casserley (Head of Black Firs, Chair of CE Formula Working Group - Advisors to the CE School Forum on local funding decisions), Mr Hermitt (Executive Principal of CHS, CEO of Cmat, Chair of CE School Forum), Mr Hodgkinson (Leader of New Life Church - nursery provision providers in Congleton), Mrs Burns (Head of Sandbach School), Mrs Webb (Head of Eaton Bank Academy) and Mr Leigh (Head of Sandbach High and Sixth Form College).



L-R: Mr Casserley, Fiona Bruce MP, Mrs Burns, Mrs Webb, Mr Leigh, Mr Hermitt, Mr Hodgkinson

Mr Gyimah had been charged with introducing a new fairer funding process for education as there was and still is no standard formula for calculating the funding across the 151 local authorities, with Cheshire East the sixth most poorly funded in the country. The disparity between the highest funded and lowest is immense, with the ten best supported areas receiving grants in 2015 averaging £6,300 per pupil, compared with just £4,200 received by the poorest. This massive discrepancy of £2,100 represents a difference of over £2.5 million of annual income for an average high school like us!

The group provided the minister with the background to and examples from their own particular schools of the impact of this unfair system. They posed questions about important issues such as regional differences and the response to national cost pressures including increased national insurance & pensions. The added impact on cash-flow of the lagged funding mechanism, whereby funding for students additional to the Published Admission Number (PAN) is not paid up-front but, instead, repaid in instalments over time, was also highlighted. This has caused particular problems for CHS with its rapidly rising student numbers.

On conclusion of the session, the minister reassured the group that he would be introducing ways to provide "greater visibility" and ensure that local authorities act in a "consistent way in the new formula".

Two months after the meeting, the Government announced that it would be giving £30 billion directly to head teachers, bypassing the traditional local authority route, enabling schools to make their own spending decisions and, hopefully, bringing the current postcode lottery to an end once and for all.

Mr Hermitt commented:

"This is the next step towards giving the children of Congleton a fairer deal. We are pleased that the Government has promised changes that will provide additional funding for all local schools and look forward to the introduction of a restructured funding formula from 2017-18 that will see Congleton students finally on a financial par with their peers."

The new national formula will effectively remove the role of the Local Authority in deciding schools' budgets. Instead, it will ensure that historical and local factors are objectively decided and all schools will receive a fairer allocation of funds. The vast majority of the educational funding will go directly to schools

In order to develop a new structure for funding, the Government are seeking input from all those affected by the planned changes including **parents and teachers**, who can offer their views on two particular aspects of any new formula - the underpinning principles and the pupil characteristics and school factors to include - along with views on the overall funding system proposals via an online response form at:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula>

Mr Hermitt, added:

*"I was delighted that so many of our parents got involved and signed Fiona Bruce's original petition for the development of a fairer funding formula for education, which led to this consultation. It would be extremely helpful if everyone could continue their support for our schools by responding to the online consultation **before it closes on Sunday 17th April.**"*

Art from the Heart



Above: Jansin's entry

Right: Maddison's Entry

Below: Lizzy's Entry



Our **Key Stage 3 Art Competition and Exhibition** proved to be extremely successful, attracting a fabulous range of pieces from drawings and paintings to collages, models and sculptures, all on the theme of '*Life at the Bottom of the Deep Blue Sea*'

Everyone had really stretched their imaginations and skill to produce very proficient work. Selecting the winning pieces was extremely difficult for the judges but after long deliberation, the final three year group winners were: Year 7 - Jansin Sutcu, Year 8 - Maddison Holland and Year 9 - Lizzy Corfield.

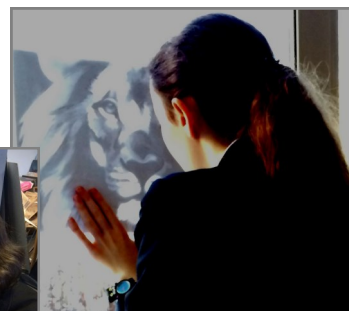


Year 8 Melanie Ashun (above right) was awarded the Overall Winner title for her porthole inspired creation.

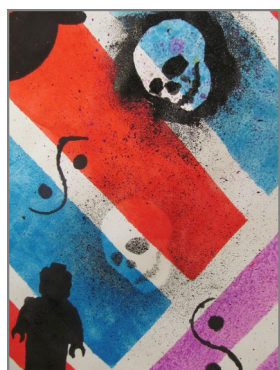
Back in January, we were lucky enough to be visited by local artist, Erin Piazza, who worked with our Year 9 students on our **Big Art Day**. Erin demonstrated a number of new art techniques to our students, including batik work, which the Year 9 then tried out for themselves.

During a two hour workshop, the students traced an outline onto a piece of fabric, which they then re-traced in wax. The next stage was to drop in coloured inks into each of the 'cells' created by the wax outline until the desired effect was created. The batik pieces were then finished off with stitching.

Following the workshops, parents and students were invited to an exhibition to view the completed pieces at the end of the day. There was a wonderful selection of bright and striking wildlife images from big cats, wolves and tropical birds to reptiles, insects and fish.



During Big Art Day, students created a range of batik work in the two hour workshop



Our after school **Street Art Club**, held each Wednesday, has proved extremely popular with our students, keen to find additional ways to explore their creativity both in and out of school. During one session, Year 7 and 8 students were shown how to produce unique artwork using stencil and sponge painting. They created their own vibrant form of street art but cut out the possibility of getting into trouble by expressing themselves on paper!



Partner Primaries working on mosaics

In addition to the work that our Art Department Team undertake with our own students, we also regularly welcome in younger children from our **Partner Primary Schools** to enable them to benefit from our skilled art teachers and also our bespoke art facilities. Recently, pupils from Daven Primary School, The Quinta and Smallwood joined us to work on a range of colourful community project mosaics and earlier in the year, Miss Reilly worked with Black Firs students to help them learn how to draw trees.



Black Firs' Tree Drawings

For anyone interested in seeing the work we produce in our Art Department, we now have our very own **Art Gallery** area on the school website in the [School Life](#) section. This is a new facility that will be added to regularly and will enable you to see for yourself the amazing artwork that our students create.



Say Hello to Your Future

Students and their parents from Congleton and surrounding areas are invited to come along to the Congleton High School Careers Fair on Tuesday 19th April, from 3-5pm, to meet with over thirty employers, discuss their career aspirations and also find out about any job opportunities within the different companies.

The event, which will be held in the Main Hall, will play host to businesses from a wide range of sectors including financial, retail, childcare, leisure, armed forces, healthcare, manufacturing, emergency services, legal and horticulture. Many sectors of business and industry will be represented but the Congleton High team are still interested in hearing from any employers wishing to come along and take part.

Students, parents and any employers who would like more information can contact Mrs Sadat-Shafai at the school on 01260 730123 or email: jsadatshafai@congletonhigh.com



A Fair Exchange



Above: Our German guests with their CHS hosts

Our student numbers swelled in early March as we were joined by twenty three German exchange students, along with two teachers, from the Friedrich Spee Gymnasium in Trier.

Hosted by our Year 8 and 10, the visitors, aged between 12 and 15, were able to enjoy a variety of experiences including every day school life at CHS and visits to Lion Salt Works in Northwich, The Peak District, Chestnut Wildlife Centre in Castleton

and, no doubt the best bit of all, a chocolate filled trip to Cadbury World in Bourneville!

The experience proved to be an extremely positive one, with some students originally not wishing to be involved in the exchange project changing their minds once new, cross continent friendships had been cemented and the guests had reluctantly returned to Trier. Our students will be travelling overseas to stay with their new friends later this year in July, when they will be able to learn more about life as a student in Germany.

An Australian Adventure

Many Year 13 students have been busy sorting out their next step once they leave us in the summer. University offers have been rolling in but for Izzy Cooper all that has been put on hold as, once her A Levels are over, she will travel over 10,000 miles to Brisbane.

Currently studying Geography, Physics and Biology A Levels, Izzy eventually plan to read Geography at Durham University but before then will spend a year in Australia, working on farms for the first six months. She hopes to then use the remainder of her stay to work in the city, sight see and visit family.

Izzy will live on a training farm for the first week, where they will assess her, bring her up to speed with Australian farming methods, then find her a suitable placement to match her skills, which could be anywhere in the country.

This is somewhat of a busman's holiday for Izzy, having been raised on a farm just outside Congleton, so she is well versed in animal husbandry and used to the unsociable hours! She looks forward to putting her existing experience to good use but also learning new skills and seeing how things are done down under.

Unsurprisingly, the one thing she is definitely not looking forward to are the spiders!



No Skirting the Rules

Back in September, our Fashion and Clothing students visited the Berisfords Ribbon factory in Congleton to learn more about the industry and see the manufacturing process in action. Following this and as part of the annual Berisfords Design Awards we run with the company, the students were set a challenge to design a skirt using Berisfords' incredible range of ribbons.

Since then, many months of planning and hard work (and some unpicking) have followed and an array of highly creative and intricate designs produced. Managing Director, Peter Bowers, visited us to judge the competition and was extremely impressed by what he saw.



Above: Bethany McCusker

All the entries were of exceptionally high quality and worthy of a prize, but the overall winner selected was Bethany McCusker, who won the first prize of £100 for her intricate monochrome, above-the-knee-pencil skirt. Crafted from a variety of ribbons in black and white, Bethany's finished product demonstrated a wide range of techniques and a great deal of skill and effort. Maisie Kearney scooped £70 for second prize with her beautiful kilt-inspired tartan insert pleats and Annabella Brimelow was awarded third prize of £30 for her stunning black, burgundy and cream submission.

The Fashion and Textiles teacher, Mrs Paling-Sparkes, added

"This is a marvellous partnership that we have formed with Berisfords and we would like to thank them for their generosity in time, materials and prizes each year. The annual event is a great all round experience for our Fashion and Clothing students and really makes a difference to the quality of their coursework and final examination grades."



Top: Berisfords MD, Peter Bowers, with winners

Above: Maisie Kearney

Left: Annabella Brimelow

Keeping in Touch



Don't forget, our main switchboard telephone number is now **01260 730123** and will show as this on caller ID



We are increasingly using e-mail as a method of communicating with parents as it is quick, efficient and cost effective. Please therefore make sure that we have your current e-mail address so that you don't miss out on important communications.



In addition to this termly newsletter, we also produce an E-Newsletter. You can sign up for this via the homepage of our website at www.congletonhigh.com

We also distribute up-to-the-minute information via Twitter, Facebook: and Instagram



@CongletonHS - for general school news and announcements.

We also have departmental Twitter accounts for area-specific information including sports team fixtures:

@chsartists, @CHSBus, @CateringCHS, @CHSEnglishDep, @CHShumanities, @honoursprog, @CHSICT, @CHSLanguages, @LawCHS1, @chsmathsdept, @chsmediadept, @CHSPerformers, @PhysEdCHS, @CHSSciences, @CHS_Sixth_Form, @CHSSocSci and @chstechdept



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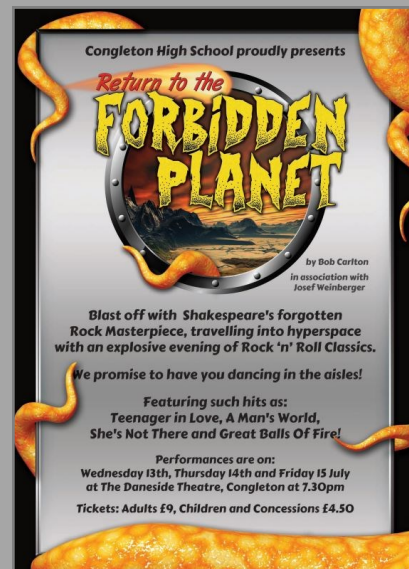
We Proudly Present

Work has now started on our 2016 production, *Return to the Forbidden Planet*, Bob Carlton's 'jukebox' musical full of instantly recognisable fifties and sixties classics that will have everyone singing and clapping along.

Students from all year groups are involved, with everyone having the chance to show their talents over a series of auditions held in March. Whether acting, singing, dancing or as part of the band or back stage crew, everyone that wanted to be involved has been found a role.

This year, we are relocating our performance from the school main hall, across the town to the Daneside Theatre on Park Road, offering the audience a total show experience and far more space to dance in the aisles!

Loosely based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and the fifties sci-fi film, *Forbidden Planet*, this futuristic rock 'n' roll musical features robots, spaceships and catchy tunes and will definitely have something for everyone, from the oldest member of the audience to the youngest.



Working Together



We're keen to help students prepare for whatever they choose as their next step after CHS and that includes those opting to start their careers. Along with initiatives such as our Year 10 and 11 Work Skills class, careers fairs and work experience, we also invite employers to speak with students about their companies and the opportunities they offer.

In January, we were fortunate to be visited by the Santander team who talked to our Year 12 and 13 about the range of careers available within their business. The students were extremely interested in what the company had to offer, with some even

opting to take up work experience opportunities with Santander.

Eat - Sleep - Ski - Repeat!



February 2016 saw yet another successful Congleton High ski-training course. Forty students and four staff left CHS car park one Saturday morning and arrived twelve hours later in the not-so-snowy village of Les Deux Alpes, France's second oldest ski resort after Chamonix.

Fortunately, even the lower ski slopes were high enough and covered with sufficient snow for all, whatever their ability or experience, to put the ski training into good practice. The resort is home to Europe's largest skiable glacier, which offered an added skiing bonus, as did the snow park and everybody made amazing progress whilst having great fun.



The weather conditions were somewhat fickle though and proved to be challenging at times. Day one brought rain and temperatures of up to 14° centigrade! NOT what you want when skiing! For the first time ever, the group returned to the hotel after five hours of tuition with rain sodden salopettes but that didn't dampen our students' spirits or their desire to get back on the slopes. The rest of the week saw a combination of fog, high winds, bitter cold and more rain until, eventually, SNOW appeared, followed by SUNSHINE!

The intrepid skiers endured the unpleasant and challenging conditions, delighted in the sun and fresh snow when it came and enjoyed the fabulous ski experience that the magnificent French mountains provided

And, for our avid and undeterred ski fans, the 2017 course can't come soon enough!

Best Sport Relief Mile by a Mile!



On Friday 18th March, we were joined by Black Firs' Year 4 and all of Key Stage 2 from The Quinta to take part in running the Sport Relief Mile. Our Partner Primaries took to the field first, running an enthusiastic and energetic mile, with The Quinta first past the post, (above L-R) Hadyn Cooke Bailey, followed by Bill Bryce Smith. The first girls over the line were (above L-R) Evie McDarmid, Molly Millward, Kate Oakley and Olivia Lawton and Miss Oakley was the first teacher

CHS students and teachers were next up, running, jogging, walking and even hobbling on crutches! Everyone put in a great effort but it was Year 8, Jack Farrall, closely followed by Year 8, Ru Morgan, (and Congy the Bear) that came in ahead of the pack. The first girls were Year 7, Emmy Noakes and Year 8, Mia Donathy. Well done, everybody!



(Above) Jack crosses the line



(L-R) Emmy and Mia

(L-R) Jack and Ru

Sporting Superstars



Above: Year 7a Team



Below: Year 7b Team



Above: Year 8a Team



Below: Year 9 Team

Our **Netball** teams have played fabulously this term and our Year 9, Year 8a and Year 7a and b teams are ALL South Cheshire Champions! We are hoping that our girls will be promoted to the 'A' League next season so fingers crossed.



Our Year 7 Girls **I n d o o r Athletics** team won the Level 2 School Games and represented the partnership at the Cheshire and Warrington

All our **Indoor Rowing** teams won the Level 2 competition at Sandbach and progressed to the Cheshire and Warrington Competition at Ellesmere Port. Ramtin Musah (Y11) and Megan Sheard (Y10) both won their events.

Right: Winning girls team at the Level 2 Event



School Games at Northgate Arena, Chester. Our Year 8 girls were runners up at the Level 2 event.



The Year 9 **Basketball** team won the South Cheshire competition at Brine Leas High School. They have been training extremely hard on Friday after school, with Mr Hermitt, Mr de Souza and Mr Holt training students from Year 7 to Year 13 to improve their skills in the sport.

In the Year 9 competition, the team defeated Brine Leas, Alsager and Shavington to name but a few, using all the tactics and skills instilled in them during training.

The most valuable player (MVP) of the competition was Kai McCormack whose dribbling and shooting was exceptional during the event.

CHS in the News



Following reports on national news programmes regarding the call for a change in the way that Rugby is played at school level, the young peoples' BBC news programme, Newsround, visited the school to film the students during their training.

The changes in question centred on the issue of tackling and whether there was a safer way for children to play.



Students were interviewed about their thoughts on the game and the issue of tackling. Mr Cross told how the PE team ensure that Rugby is played safely at CHS.

The full report can be viewed online at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/35704580>

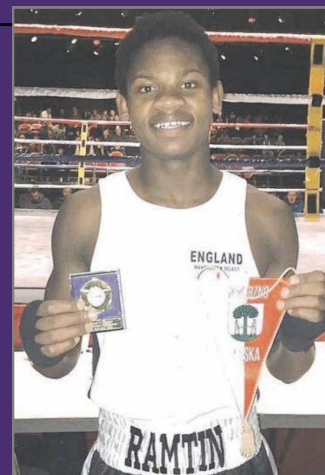


Spotlight on Sporting Success



Huge congratulations to our Year 10, Lewis Halliday, (Left) on his selection for the Sale Sharks Academy. The ultimate aim of the Rugby Union academy is to produce quality players to play for the Sharks' first team; as well as developing players that have the potential to also represent their country. So watch this space for an update!

And another massive pat on the back for two-times North West Champion, Year 11, Ramtin Musah (Right), who recently fought hard to gain some impressive wins in his Birmingham matches and has now been picked to represent England. Not just the pride of Congleton, now the pride of his country!



A big well done too to Year 7, Ruby Spencer and Year 9, Harper Whitehead, both selected back in January to represent Cheshire in cross country. Great running, guys!

Key Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 23rd March 2016	School Closes to Students for the Easter holidays
Thursday 24th March 2016	INSET Day - School Closed to Students
Monday 11th April 2016	School Re-opens
Wednesday 13th April 2016	PiP Meeting
Tuesday 19th April 2016	Year 'Meet Your Match' Careers Fair
Thursday 21st April 2016	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday 2nd May 2016	School Closed - May Day
Tuesday 3rd May 2016	Year 8 Parents' Evening
Monday 9th May - Friday 27th May 2016	GCSE Exams
Wednesday 18th May 2016	PiP Meeting
Thursday 26th May - Monday 30th May 2016	PE Spain Trip
Friday 27th May 2016	School closes for the Half Term holidays
Monday 6th June 2016	School re-opens
Monday 6th June 2016 - Friday 24th June 2016	A Level Exams
Monday 6th June 2016 - Friday 24th June 2016	Year 10 Exams (Incl. Speaking Exams from 6th - 3rd June)
Monday 6th June 2016 - Friday 17th June 2016	Year 7, 8 and 9 Exams
Wednesday 19th June 2016	PiP Meeting
Thursday 23rd June 2016	New Intake Day
Thursday 30th June 2016	Year 8 HPV Vaccine
Friday 1st July 2016	Africa Day
Friday 1st July 2016	Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th July 2016	2016 Production—Return to the Forbidden Planet
Wednesday 20th July 2016 1:10pm finish	School Closes to Students for Summer Holidays
Monday 5th September 2016	INSET Day - School Closed to Students
Tuesday 6th September 2016	School Re-opens to Students