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WELCOME

to our final newsletter for this school year and what a year it has been for all of us, not least our current year seven, who joined us back in September '14. For the majority of our new starters, Congleton High and many of the students and staff are already very familiar thanks to the regular Discovery Days we run with our partner primaries but making that move up to high school is still a major event. Our year sevens have taken it all in their stride though and have had a fantastic first year, with more than ever getting involved in school life, academically, through sport and also our popular and diverse extra-curricular activities.

The 2014-15 academic year began on a high with our record GCSE results broadcast to the world via Sky News. Seventy Four per cent of our GCSE students had achieved 5+A*-C including English and mathematics, a fabulous outcome, which placed the school in the top ten per cent nationally. Our A Level results were equally as rewarding with 99.9% A*-E pass rate with forty five per cent at A*/A or Distinction*/ Distinction. We're looking forward to celebrating more fantastic GCSE, A and AS Level results with our students this year in August.

The momentum has continued throughout the year with never a week passing by without something for us to celebrate. We have had a comprehensive calendar of educational visits, created wide-ranging learning opportunities to stretch and motivate our students, played host to authors, subject experts and inspirational speakers, staged an unrivalled all school production, raised thousands of pounds for charity and recognised the efforts and achievements of our students with rewards trips, assemblies and awards evenings. All of this was itself rewarded with our 'GOOD' Ofsted rating in December.

Our new year seven will be joining a growing and thriving community at CHS, which will be more vibrant and exciting than ever. Thanks to the hard work and results of both our student community and our teaching staff, the school is almost at capacity with only a few spaces left in certain year groups. Although our ability to offer something for everyone whether academic, vocational or a mixture, has resulted in record applications to our sixth form, extra capacity thanks to The Congleton College arm of our Post Sixteen offering means that we are still able to offer additional places.

It only remains for me to wish you all a relaxing summer and we look forward to learning all about your holiday adventures when we welcome you back to school on 3rd September.

Mr D Hermitt

Executive Principal (CHS)



EXPERIENCING A UNIQUE SPORTING EVENT

Eight lucky year nine students recently had the amazing experience of attending a semi-finals day at Wimbledon. The school had applied for tickets through the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) ballot for schools tennis members and had won ten tickets for the event. The students who went were all members of the after school tennis club and their names were picked out of a hat for the chance to experience this very British sporting event. After familiarising themselves with the venue, the students took their seats on Number One Court to watch the ladies doubles semi-final, with tennis superstar, Martina Hingis, on the court. Later on they watched Djokovic vs Gasquet and then Murray vs Federer on the outdoor screens before returning to Number One Court to watch Hingis in action again, this time winning the mixed doubles semi-final.



"I just wanted to say a massive thank for you for the trip to Wimbledon. My daughter had a fantastic day, and it's an experience she won't forget. Thank you for giving her the opportunity!"
Y9 Parent



CHS students enjoying semi-finals day at Wimbledon

PE teacher and guidance team leader of year nine, Mr de Souza, who organised the trip and tickets said "Wimbledon is a unique sporting event and I wanted to give CHS students the opportunity to see it for themselves. The smiles on the students' faces as we walked onto 'Henman Hill' was priceless and made it all worthwhile. Hopefully we will get lucky in the ballot again next year and more year nine students can have that opportunity."

CHS WINS BIG AT ROTARY COMPETITIONS

Year nine and eleven students have been recognised for their outstanding skill, design flare and creativity in the Local and District Rotary Club Young Chef and Young Designer Competitions, securing top placings in both events.

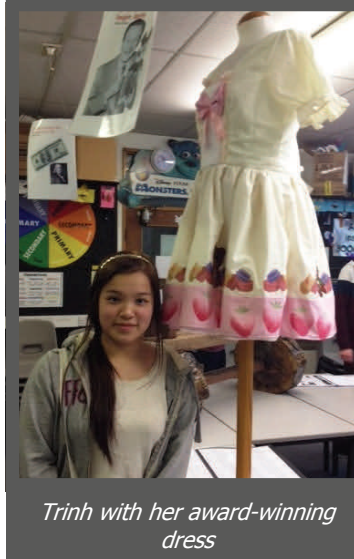
For the Rotary Young Chef Competition, contestants prepare and present a single course within a pre-set budget and time limit, which is judged by an expert panel. In the local heats, held at Eaton Bank in June, Elliot Darman (9HR) scooped first prize with his expertly prepared pan fried duck with a port and redcurrant sauce, while Jamie Casey (9NWI), a former Junior Masterchef finalist, made second, with Emily Whitter (9FH) scoring a hat trick for CHS and gaining a respectable third place.

The Young Designer Competition is based on GCSE, A/S and A level design course work in Textiles, Resistant Materials, Graphics and Electronics and entries are judged on their innovative and practical attributes. In the Local Heat, CHS was represented by Trinh Pham (11AS), Laura Harvey (11JHD), Amanda Worthington (11JHD) and Elliot Cottrell (11GXT). The team produced some incredible designs, impressing the judges and, as a result, Trinh was awarded second place for her stunning dress design and Laura, third place for her Graphic Product entry.

In the Regional Heats, held at Parrs Wood School in July, the team excelled once again, with Trinh's fabulous dress bagging her the top prize this time around in the Young Designer Textiles category, while Jamie came out top in the Young Chef Competition with a well-deserved first place. The team are now looking forward to taking part in the national final later in the year.



Young Chefs (L-R): Jamie, Elliot and Emily



Trinh with her award-winning dress



Young Designers (L-R): Laura, Amanda & Elliott

BEST DAY EVER! FOCUS ON LITERACY

Our annual **Reading Week** took place this term. It aims to foster a love of reading for pleasure and is an opportunity for staff and students to enjoy reading together and share their reading experiences with one another. This year the reading sessions took place during form time and ended with a 'Thought for the Day' with a literacy theme, which reflected on the place that reading has in their wider world.

For the whole of year seven, the week culminated in a **Literacy Stop Day**, where students attended a variety of workshops led by teachers, a visiting poet, a school governor and a parent who works for the BBC. The students wrote poetry, debated local issues, wrote Twitter stories, learned about presentation skills, became story detectives, explored the concept of the right to an education, learned how to pitch a movie plot and were filmed presenting their own news item. The students had a fantastic time and their exemplary conduct was praised by all the visitors. One student tweeted directly after the event saying "Best day ever! We have had an amazing day at CHS. It was ace!" We would like to give our grateful thanks to the staff and volunteers whose hard work made the day possible.



As part of our Literacy Stop Day, students enjoyed a BBC Media workshop run by Mark Edwardson (left) and learned how to pitch a movie plot in Marvellous Media (below)



DISCOVERY DAYS AND MORE FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

By the time students start at CHS in year seven, our aim is that they will already know the school well, have worked with some of our teachers and will have tried out some of our specialist lessons and facilities for themselves. To this end, we have continued this term with our programme of 'Discovery Days' for year five students from our partner primary schools (see below), along with sporting and other competitions, including:

- Year three and four football competition - won this year by Black Firs A team (pictured below)
- Primary school rounders competition
- Year five maths workshops for high achieving maths students from our partner primary schools (plus Cmat member, Castle Primary School) have been taking place all term.
- A Bugs' Life - our first primary school photography competition encouraged students to use digital cameras or mobile phones to capture bugs, insects or the environment in which they live. The winning entries can be seen in the 'Latest News' section of our school website.



Above: Black Firs' A team—winners of the year three and four football competition



Above: The Astbury Primary School year five debating team with Head of School, Mr Barlow

Primary Schools Debating Competition

Also this term we have been running the Congleton Primary Schools Debating Competition for year five students. Three teams - from Astbury, Black Firs and Quinta - made it through to the finals, which were held here at CHS. The teams rotated round and debated three motions:

- 'All students should have to do one hour's PE a day in school' (Astbury & Black Firs)
- 'Zoos should be banned' (Astbury & Quinta)
- 'Violent computer games should be banned' (Black Firs & Quinta)

Students spent the morning researching the motions and then preparing speeches. They were helped by some of our high-achieving year twelve students, who are participating in our Honours Programme. The year twelve students then judged the debates, all of which were to a very high standard. The overall winner was Astbury, who narrowly won on points. Congratulations also go to Ceelan Charlesworth-Simpson from Astbury who was nominated as Star Debater of the Day.

Discovery Days

Year five students finding out what life is like at CHS...

Right: Making catapults out of paper and wood in DT



Left: Marbling with different inks and papers to create a landscape picture in Art

Right: Creating characters and doing freeze frames in a 'Random Scripts' drama



FROM CONGLETON TO CAPE TOWN

Twelve of our year ten students recently travelled to South Africa as part of a community charity project, the first of its kind run by CHS. The students worked alongside students from our longstanding partner schools out there – Muizenberg Junior and Muizenberg High School – undertaking a range of activities with children from disadvantaged communities including Eros School, the Butterfly Art Project (in Capricorn Township) and Tygerberg Hospital.

The trip was the culmination of two years of hard work and preparation by the students, during which time they had to raise funds towards financing their trip and also towards the charities that they would visit and work with. Prior to starting the project, the students had to put forward a case for why they should be selected to go and how they would raise the funds. The twelve were eventually picked on the basis of their outstanding applications and also their academic performance and contribution to the school.

It is the first time that a foreign school had ever visited Tygerberg Hospital to support the children and they, their parents and the hospital staff were incredibly grateful for the time and gifts given by the students. In an email to the school, Myra Mathee from the Tygerberg Hospital spoke of their gratitude: *'Thank you and your group for everything we received from you; the donation, shipment of hospital supplies, the sweets and last but not least, the enthusiasm and love that you showed to each and every child. You are a fantastic group of young people, who really can make a change in people's lives.'*

As well as carrying out the activities that they had planned and prepared, the team were able to pass on to the charities a considerable amount of money that they had raised back in the UK and they distributed small, simple gifts to the children – chocolate, stationery and football tops – that had been donated by CHS staff, students and their families prior to the trip. They also gave a presentation to their South African peers about the trip and about life in the UK and will continue to work with them on legacy projects promoting equality and peace.

The twelve students all worked extremely hard throughout their visit and were fantastic ambassadors for the school and for Congleton. Each will have incredible memories of the trip to last a lifetime and, hopefully, their hard work and enthusiasm will have helped to make a difference to the lives of those children thousands of miles across the world.



OXBRIDGE VISITS

Each year we give our high achieving sixth form students the opportunity to visit both Oxford and Cambridge universities to enable them to see first-hand what life is like at these top universities. This year, the group stayed in student accommodation at each university and were able to go on tours of the different colleges to see what the facilities are like, to attend lectures in their chosen subjects and speak with students who have completed their first or second years at Oxbridge.

Sixth form guidance team leader, Miss Blundred, who accompanied the students on the visits, explained:

"This is a fabulous opportunity for students who are thinking of applying for Oxbridge. They were inspired by the wonderful buildings and many of them felt the trip gave them the motivation to work extra hard to aim for a place in one of the colleges. Being able to speak directly with the students dispelled the myths that are often associated with these two universities."



Students at Christchurch College, Oxford

KEEPING IN TOUCH

We're increasingly using e-mail to communicate with parents as it's direct and immediate. Please make sure that we have your current e-mail address so that you don't miss any important news. We also use our website, Facebook and Twitter to give you information and news about what's happening in school or when students are out and about on educational visits.



If you're a Facebook user, you can like our Facebook page to receive updates.



You can also follow us on Twitter and our main school account is [@CongletonHS](https://twitter.com/CongletonHS). However, you can also now follow individual departments for curriculum-related tweets, information and updates from trips etc.

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You can also sign up for our monthly E-Newsletter via the homepage of our website at www.congletonhigh.com.

Finally, would parents please note: If we telephone you, our number shows as **0845 148 0060**, not the school number. This is a central Cheshire East number, which is the same for all schools in our area.

If you need to return the call, please call on the school reception telephone number, 01260 387000, as the 0845 number will take you to a recorded message, not the school.

EXAM RESULTS DAYS

Students who are expecting to receive GCSE and/or A Level results this summer should note the following important dates:

Thursday 13th August 9am - 11am: AS / A Level results

Thursday 20th August 9am - 11am: GCSE results

Students may collect their results in the hall from 9am until 11am on each day. The school is not allowed to give results over the telephone or by email. If you are unable to collect your results in person and would like someone else to collect them on your behalf, they need to speak to Mr Warren on the appropriate day and should bring with them a signed letter from you to this effect. Alternatively you can send a large (A4) SAE to Mrs K Isherwood at school and she will post your results out to you.

ICT MARK ACCREDITATION RETAINED



We are delighted that we have successfully retained our ICT Mark accreditation following an assessment by the National Association of Advisors for Computers in Education (Naace) last month. The national award recognises the school's use of Information and Communications Technology across the curriculum, in its administration and also through communications with students, staff and parents.

Following a day of meetings and observations, Naace returned a positive report, commending the school on its progressive use of ICT throughout every aspect of school life.

Director of E-learning, Chris Curry, commented:

"I am delighted that we have successfully renewed the ICT Mark. It recognises our positive approach to ICT and the benefits it is bringing to our school."

"We believe that ICT can be used across every aspect of learning. It is essential that our students are equipped for a modern world where technology and computers play an increasingly vital role, giving them the best opportunity to excel in the jobs market of the future."

"Naace clearly recognised the excellent ICT management and teaching that is taking place in our school and how the use of technology is allowing us all to achieve success together."

CONGLETON HIGH TALKS THE TALK

Four of our eloquent year thirteen students travelled to Manchester Metropolitan University during the Easter break to take part in the North West and North Wales regional final of the national Debating Matters competition, having previously won the Cheshire qualifying round back in December with their strong and convincing viewpoints.

The team did extremely well, making it into the last round of the competition, becoming one of only twenty four debating teams left in the competition across the whole country.

In a keenly-contested deliberation against Preston's Hutton CoE Grammar School on whether space exploration is a waste of time and money, CHS performed very strongly, securing the audience vote by a considerable margin. Unfortunately, the judges felt differently and awarded the final win on the day to the Hutton students.

The Congleton team, comprising Michael Unett, Ben Harris, Jack Posnett and Alex Jackson, performed to a very high standard throughout the competition, demonstrating some extremely mature and considered arguments. Despite narrowly losing out on the overall victory, Congleton still triumphed on the day, with Ben Harris' exceptionally strong contribution to all of the debates being rewarded with the prestigious Best Individual Debater award.

Congleton High teacher, Jonathan Fryer, who coordinated the team, commented: *"We are very proud of our team, all four debaters argued with great skill against tough competition. It was a real pleasure seeing them grow in confidence and engaging with important topical issues."*

Also this term, some of our year twelve debaters have been helping to lead debating workshops in several schools as part of the Congleton Primary Schools Debating Competition (see page 04)



SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS

Jack's a CHS High Flyer

High flying Jack Williams (8SDR), recently took to the skies for a flying course, combining over two hours of actual flying with a number of lessons on the ground in the flying school. His skills impressed the instructors to such an extent that the talented young pilot was awarded a week of flying with his own instructor, funded by a bursary, to help him obtain his solo licence by his fourteenth birthday. Jack logged a further twenty flying hours during the training week and is well on the way to achieving his dream of a solo licence. Congratulations, Jack, we wish you all the best in achieving your goal.



Jack about to take to the skies

Maisie Makes a Song and Dance about Sarcoma

Kind-hearted Maisie Kearney (9DWN) has launched the 'Sarcoma Project', a series of seven events to help raise funds for the hospital that cared for her grandmother after she became ill with a rare form of cancer. Maisie's nan, Janet, spent two months in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, receiving treatment to remove a tumour and undergo a skin graft. The seven events Maisie has planned include a 'Magical Disney Day' and a three day dance show, A Step in Time, which showcased recently at the Stoke Repertory Theatre in Hanley and involved twenty five dancers, aged from four to twenty six. Her fundraising total currently stands at over £1000. Janet is now in recovery but Maisie is still determined to continue her work to thank the hospital and she plans to tackle a climb up Mount Snowdon in the near future.



Maisie (left) and friends

Short Story Win for Gabriel

CHS sixth former, Gabriel Evans (12KBI), showed great creative flare with his winning entry in to the Too Write! writing competition, organised by The Sentinel newspaper and a key part of the Stoke-on-Trent Hot Air Literary Festival. Gabriel's short story, 'True Love Forever and Ever and Ever', a chilling tale of unrequited love, was highly commended by the judging panel and scooped him top prize in the under eighteens category. Gabriel now hopes to build on his literary success, with a plan to study English at university and was amongst the sixth form students on the recent Oxbridge visit (see p6).



Budding writer, Gabriel

William Races to Success

Year ten student, William (Will) Banks, has turned what started out as an occasional Sunday hobby into the level of a semi-professional sport, taking over the majority of his free weekends and evenings. For the last two years he has been competing in Autograss Junior Saloon races and is currently standing fifth in the UK. This year he will compete in the East Midlands Championship, the British Autograss Series, the British Junior Saloon Nationals in September and many other competitive races, which will see the family travel across the UK to different venues. Will is using his success in the sport to raise awareness of the Teenage Cancer Trust and, backed by Pennine Autograss Club, is undertaking various activities for raise money for the cause.



Will with his Autograss car



Above: Lizzy with Linda Yarwood and Alex Bell from the Open Space Festival. Right: Her mascot design, 'Spacey'

Elizabeth Draws on Her Own Talents

Well done to Elizabeth (Lizzy) Corfield (8CED), who used her winning art skills to design 'Spacey', a quirky new mascot for Congleton's Open Space annual art festival. Lizzy's paint palette character won the competition run by the festival organisers and it will become a very familiar sight around Congleton in September when it will be used on all the Open Space Festival literature.

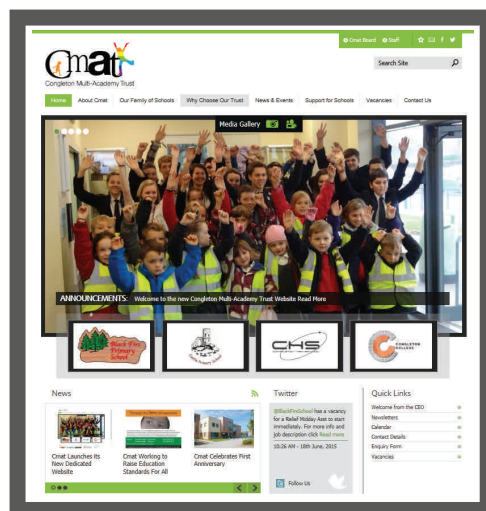


CMAT NOW ONLINE

In May, the Congleton Multi-Academy Trust (Cmat) launched its own dedicated website - www.congletonmat.com - enabling everyone interested in finding out more about the Trust and its members to access all the information in one, simple and user-friendly location.

The site addresses all the areas of interest about Cmat, including the background to the formation of the Trust, the particular benefits of being a member, the Board, current vacancies, news stories and the 'family of schools', which currently comprises, Black Firs Primary, Castle Primary, Congleton High and The Congleton College.

Anyone interested in keeping up to date with Cmat can also do so via Twitter @Congletonmat or on Facebook as Congleton Multi-Academy Trust.



YEAR 11 SAY FAREWELL WITH CRANAGE HALL PROM

Year eleven at high school is always a demanding and intense time, with the culmination of five years' learning including two very busy years of GCSE courses and then two solid weeks of exams. The students at Congleton High were no exception and, by the end of June, were ready for a celebration and they did this in true CHS style with their year eleven Prom at Cranage Hall.

As the one hundred and forty students and thirty staff arrived, there were, as always, a remarkable array of methods of transport on show. One by one, limousines, Lamborghinis, Mustangs and Bentleys opened to reveal their impeccably dressed cargo. Some opted for alternatives to the norm, with one group arriving in a big red London bus and, of course, the football team travelling in style via the school mini bus!

The students were truly dressed to impress and, after five years of seeing them wearing their school uniform, some were virtually unrecognisable from the young year sevens they were when they first joined the Congleton High family.

Following their arrival, the guests enjoyed a fabulous dinner, professional photographs and fun snaps in the very popular photo booth. With the formalities over, everyone took to the dance floor, which didn't empty for the entire night thanks to a fantastic DJ, with the biggest Conga line ever and a poignant final dance to Take That's 'Never Forget'.

It was the perfect evening and a lovely way to congratulate students for all of their hard work over the past five years. CHS has seen its highest ever numbers of applications for its Sixteen Plus options in the sixth form and The Congleton College, so it is likely that many of the current year eleven will meet up again as next year's CHS year twelve, no doubt already planning outfits and transport for their year thirteen Prom!





Catering Students Triumph at Sports Awards Evening

Our annual Sports Awards Evening is an opportunity to celebrate the fantastic sporting success of our students both inside and outside of school. However, there is one group of people without whom the evening would not be possible – our amazing GCSE and BTEC Catering students.

This year the team of twenty six students provided a sumptuous three-course meal for seventy eight diners and were responsible for all the planning, organisation, preparation, cooking and even waiting on during the event. Planning for the event started six weeks in advance to devise a menu suitable for the gala dinner and source the best quality ingredients. The menu on the night, planned by the BTEC students as part of their course, began with a choice of butternut squash and sweet potato soup or prawn cocktail followed by chicken chasseur or broccoli and stilton quiche accompanied by delicious seasonal vegetables. The meal was rounded off with everybody's favourite, profiteroles with a rich chocolate sauce and cream.

Working on the 'Evening with the Stars' event enabled students to get a real flavour of catering on a mass scale and also gave them the

opportunity to work in the school's professional kitchens using the same equipment used in restaurant settings. Each student was able to be involved in all areas of the event, gaining useful experience of all the requirements of catering. The evening will form part of the assessment for the BTEC and many of the GCSE students

Following the meal, the awards evening got off to a flying start with an additional hundred guests arriving to watch the presentations. One hundred and twenty students received awards on the night in recognition of their outstanding performance, effort or leadership in sport. Awards included Contribution to School Sport, Future Champions, Player of the Year, Athlete of the Year and Sports Person of the Year. Former teacher, Lynda Arnold and former pupil, Daniel Sturridge were both remembered with awards in their name.

The school was also privileged to welcome special guest, Adrian Derbyshire, to the event. Adrian is a former Great Britain athlete, British international wheelchair fencer and has amassed a total of two gold and three silver medals and various titles and championships. He retired from international competitions in 2013 and now spends much of his time working as a hate crime ambassador and Disability Awareness spokesperson.

Mrs Salt, PE curriculum team leader, commented: *"The Sports Awards Evening is a great opportunity to commend our sporting students on their efforts and their achievements. It is also a marvellous way of enabling our catering students to showcase their own abilities and talents while helping them to gain invaluable experience of catering for a large scale event. Huge congratulations to everybody involved."*

A full list of the award winners can be found in the News section of our website at www.congletonhigh.com.



*Inspirational speaker,
Adrian Derbyshire*



Award winners, Amy Rodgers (Daniel Sturridge Rising Star Award) and Tom Hampton (Lynda Arnold Award for Outstanding Contribution to School Sport)

New School Records at Sports Day 2015

Sports day this year was once again hugely enjoyable with students competing and cheering on their peers, living up to our motto of 'Achieving Success Together'. Despite the intense heat on the day, fifteen new school records were set (see table below), some beating longstanding records held since 2002! Congratulations to all students involved.



Sports Day 2015 - New Records

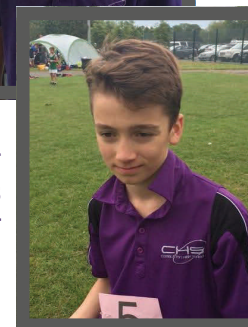
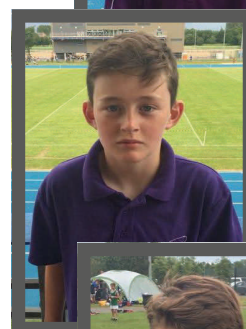
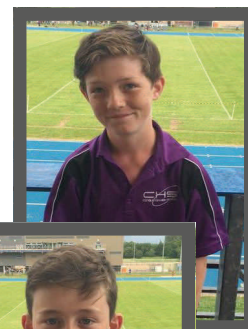
15 new school records were set during SD15 - including several of the oldest school records, dating back to 2002!

Event	Student	Record	Notes
Y7 Girls 100m	Abby McCusker	13.44s	Beat record set in 2002 by 1.476s
Y7 Boys 800m	Michael Lennon	2mins 38.15s	Beat record set in 2013 by Ryan Braddock by 8.985s
Y7 Boys 1500m	Jack Farrell	5mins 29s	Beat record set in 2004 by Damon Oaks by 8s
Y7 Boys High Jump	Luke Pointon	1m 40cm	Beat record set in 2002 by G Moss by 5cm
Y7 Boys Discuss	Ruaridh Morgan	19m 89cm	Beat record set in 2013 by Alfie Tarant by 44cm
Y8 Girls 200m	Lexi Harrison	28.79s	Beat record set in 2002 by Kate Campbell by 1.151s
Y8 Boys 300m	Nathan Jones	47.88s	Beat record set 2013 by Tom Cain by 4.152s
Y8 Boys 4x100m Relay	6SDR	57.18s	Beat record set by 8GMO in 2013 by 2.652s
Y8 Mixed 4x100m Relay	8CED	1min 0.96s	Beat record set in 2013 by 8TP by 2.904s
Y9 Mixed 4x100m Relay	9JC	59.61s	Beat record set in 2013 by 9CC by 1.939s
Y10 Girls 800m	Amy Rodgers	2mins 36.60s	Beat record set in 2003 by 13.94s
Y10 Girls Triple Jump	Alisha Meakin	9m 35cm	Beat record set in 2014 by Laura Gallagher by 3m
Y10 Girls Shot Put	Rose Urwin	7m 40cm	Beat record set in 2014 by Shannon O'Connor by 5cm
Y10 Boys Discuss	Johnny Adderley	38m 19cm	Beat record set in 2006 by Peter Jackson by 13m 26cm
Y10 Girls Javelin	Caitlin Green	21m 60cm	Beat record set in 2006 by J Blease by 2m 70cm

Successful Summer Sports Programme

The summer months are always busy in school for the PE Department but, despite a busy exam period, along with BTEC PE coursework to be completed and marked, students and staff still found enough time to continue with a busy extra-curricular programme across a wide range of summer sports.

*Below top to bottom:
Harry, Mikey and Jack at
the Cheshire Athletics
Championships*



Athletics

It has been a very successful few months for CHS athletes with impressive performances at the English Schools' competition and South Cheshire and Cheshire Athletics Championships. Harry Wright finished fourth in the long jump, Mikey Lennon finished fifth in the 800m and Jack Farrall finished eighth in the 1,500m. Then at the Mason Trophy Inter Counties Schools' Athletics Championships at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, Jonathan Adderley, Josh Robertson and Beth Jones helped Cheshire finish second overall, competing against students from ten other counties. Well done to all our athletes.

Trampolining

There was also success for CHS this term in trampolining, with the intermediate team winning their category whilst the beginner teams finished in very respectable second, third and fourth positions. Well done to all the CHS students who took part.

Huge Take-up of After-School Rounders

Rounders is still proving to be extremely popular, with ninety nine students coming to practice in May and attendance remaining high since. Practice, for all years and abilities, is held every Thursday and fixtures take place on a Tuesday for girls.

Other Sports News in Brief:

Congratulations to our year seven A & B netball teams (pictured right), who both won their respective South Cheshire Championship tournaments this term!

A massive well done to Amy Rodgers (Left: With Daniel Sturridge Award), who has been selected for England U15s and made the starting 11 v. Holland recently.



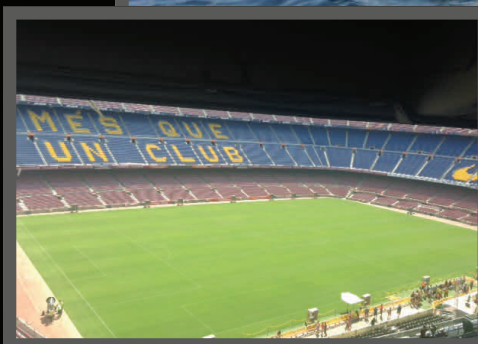
THE BEST SPORTS TOUR EVER!

"The best sports tour ever" was how Deputy curriculum team leader for PE, Mr Cross, described the recent water sports trip to Tossa de Mar on the Costa Brava in Spain.

After a mammoth coach journey, fifty four students and the staff enjoyed glorious weather and three days of exciting and challenging water sports including paddle boarding, kayaking, sailing, wetwalking, snorkelling and riding a giant SUP (stand-up paddle board).

Mr Cross commented: "We all had a lot of fun, but alongside this there was team building and competition amongst the students, instructors and staff. The students conducted themselves in a way that made us really proud."

The students also spent a day at a water park and got the chance to see some of Barcelona, including the Camp Nou stadium, the Olympic village, the giant Port Vell Marina and Gaudi's famous Sagrada Familia. Oh, and there were plenty of opportunities for an ice cream or two.....!



Top right: The students try out paddle boarding

Above and right: Visiting Camp Nou Stadium in Barcelona

Left: The staff team who made the trip possible



Key Dates for your diary

Friday 17th July 2015 - 1:10pm finish	School closes for the summer holidays
Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2015	INSET days- school closed to students
Thursday 3rd September 2015	School re-opens to students
Thursday 24th September 2015 - 2:00pm finish	School closes early for Open Evening
Thursday 24th September 2015 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Open Evening for Year 5 & 6 students
Friday 23rd October 2015	School closes for half term
Monday 2nd November 2015	Teacher INSET day - school closed to students
Tuesday 3rd November 2015	School re-opens to students
Friday 13th November 2015	Congleton Town INSET day - school closed to students
Tuesday 17th November 2015 6:30pm - 8:30pm	Post-16 Open Evening
Friday 19th December 2015	School closes for Christmas holidays