

Congleton High School Newsletter



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Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2019-20 academic year, which is full of news stories from the summer and our first half-term. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate all the amazing activities and opportunities available to our students and share them with you. I never fail to be amazed by just how much goes on each week within our lively learning community.

If you are new to Congleton High, a Year Seven student, parent or carer, or have picked up this newsletter in one of the new housing developments or elsewhere, you'll find that this is a great reflection of life here at this vibrant and busy school, with each week packed with an extensive programme of enrichment activities that supports students' learning and makes CHS such a great place to learn.

You will also be able to read about the fantastic A Level, BTEC and GCSE success celebrated this summer, with great pass rates across the board but, more importantly, results that demonstrate the fantastic progress students make at CHS, with many exceeding predicted targets.

Along with the success achieved in school time and our extracurricular clubs, we love to bring you news of our students' great achievements outside of school. We have so many young people who discover a love of sports, music or drama at school and then go on to develop this to a high level. This year has been no exception and you can read some of their stories in this newsletter.

Having held the role of Head of School for 5 Years, I was delighted to take up the position of Headteacher in September. I have taken over from Executive Principal, Mr Hermitt, whose Cmat role has grown, requiring his full-time attention. I look forward to working with our dedicated team of teaching and support staff to ensure that our school continues to offer students the teaching, guidance and inspiration they need to achieve and succeed.

Mr J Barlow
Headteacher



Introducing our Head Girl and Head Boy

Hi, I'm Lara Nuttall, 2019-20 Head Girl at Congleton High School. I'm studying Biology, Geography and Psychology, with the hope to start an apprenticeship in business. I wanted to become Head Girl to represent and empower the Student Voice, and to improve the quality of student life.

Hi, I am Alex Lehm, Head Boy here and I'm currently studying Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Information Systems. I would like to study Computer Science at university. I wanted to become Head Boy to improve the school's environmental footprint, and to leave a lasting, positive effect on the school for all future students.

In our leadership roles, working with the Sixth Form and Main School Leadership Teams, our main aspirations are to improve our environmental standing, integrate the year groups and to strengthen our links with the local community.

As always, we will be selecting charities to support throughout the year. Through fundraising events and activities we hope to also achieve the aforementioned goals to allow the students to have a meaningful impact on the charities.

We both thoroughly look forward to working with the staff and students of Congleton High School, and we are excited to take on this opportunity and all of its challenges.

Lara and Alex



CHS Summer Exam Results

The wonderful results celebrated this summer were down to the hard work and dedication of our students combined with our very broad curriculum that meet the needs of all students, together with a vibrant and varied extracurricular programme, and underpinned by outstanding care, guidance and support.

As an inclusive school, we encourage and support ALL our students to achieve for themselves the best possible outcomes. For us, it is not just about high achievers delivering multiple top grades but also ensuring that those students for whom school may be a struggle achieve and even exceed their targets. As such, **Progress 8** (which takes each student's best eight GCSE results and measures the progress made from the level at which they start in Year 7 to the level achieved at GCSE) is the most important measure, as it shows their improvement, not just final grades.

In 2018, we were delighted that our students achieved the joint highest Progress 8 score in Cheshire and, once again, in 2019, students outstripped their targets, with a (provisional) Progress 8 score of 0.23. This means that, on average, students achieved almost a quarter of a grade higher than expected in every one of their GCSE subjects. In many cases this secured them a higher grade than predicted.

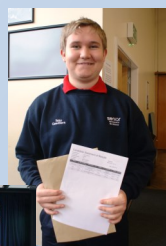
GCSE Results

- **80%** of students achieved a Grade 4+ in English and **72%** in Maths. **70%** achieved a Grade 4 or higher in **both** English and Maths.
- **76%** of students achieved a Grade 4+ in Science
- **75%** of all grades were achieved at Grade 4 or higher
- **24%** of all GCSE Grades achieved were at 7+ (A*/Distinction).
- **42** students achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 7+ (A+/Distinction+).
- Attainment 8 score (provisional) is **50.3**. *(This calculates best 8 subjects for each student, including English, Maths, at least 3 English Baccalaureate subjects and 3 other subjects.)*
- **17** subjects achieved over 80% Grade 4+ pass rate.

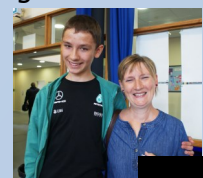


Post 16 Results

- Over 100 top grades were achieved this year
- Students studying Academic and Vocational courses alike continue to succeed
- Sixth Form students achieved the grades required to progress to their next step - Degree Apprenticeships, Apprenticeships, employment and degrees.
- Many students have now taken up university places to study a wide range of degrees including: Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry with Forensic Science, Film Production, History, Mathematics, Music Technology, Music, Natural Sciences, Primary Education, Social Work, Sociology, Sport Development, and Theatre.



Along with all the Sixth Form students celebrating their great results back in August were two high achieving students who learned that sitting A Level exams years in advance of their peers had paid off. Year 11 Ru Morgan achieved a fantastic A* Grade in his A level Maths and Year 9, Isaac Cumberland, was delighted with his Grade A for AS Mathematics.



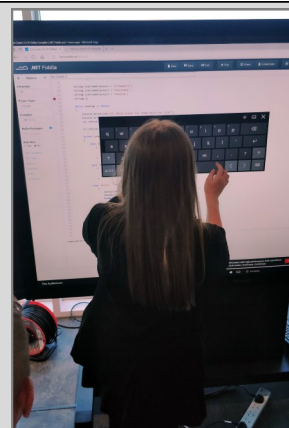
Technology High Fliers

At the end of June, CHS Director of E-Learning, Mr Curry, travelled across to Manchester Airport with ten of our Year Ten students to take part in a Masterclass in Technology. The day was hosted by MAG-O, the airport group's in-house digital agency, which was created in response to technology-driven changes in the way passengers travel.

To help the students gain a greater understanding of how technology fits in to the everyday life of the airport, the group took a tour of Terminal One with an eye on the technology used to make the experience of passengers as smooth as can possibly be. Students were able to get a 'behind the scenes' view into the server room and experience a check-in desk from the operator's point of view.

Back at the MAG-O offices, the visitors learned about the many different roles available within the agency, demonstrating that there is a place for all different types of people with a variety of skillsets to allow them to design systems to meet the needs of their customers. Vodafone also delivered a presentation and emphasised the importance of girls choosing technology roles and the well paid careers they could access.

The group was very impressed by the modern office environment, particularly the table tennis table in the cafe area! A major high-point of the visit was catching up with a former CHS student, Joshua Ogden, who is now in the middle of a higher level Apprenticeship, working at MAG-O and studying Computer Science at MMU. It was very rewarding for the students to hear more about his role, the route he had taken since leaving school and also his plans for the future. This visit gave students a great insight into the wide variety of roles they could pursue at one of the region's biggest employers using the skills they are developing in school.



Bikeability

Back in the summer, twenty one of our Year Seven students took part in the Department for Transport Bikeability Course

The free course is all about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. It aims to give the trainees the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling.



Students were divided in to two groups and each joined a half-day session, which gave them a better understanding of how to keep safe on the roads.

Future Finance

Keen to add to their academic learning, last term Mr Davis gave a useful talk to Sixth Form students to equip them with a useful

understanding of basic finances.

This information should help to prepare the students for life at university, undertaking apprenticeships or in employment and help them to manage their finances.



Ice Cream Science



Although this summer wasn't the scorcher we enjoyed last year, that certainly didn't stop 7MHO from jumping at the chance to make ice cream in their science lesson with Miss Figiel.

They learnt that adding salt to ice reduces the temperature really quickly. Fast enough, in fact, to make and eat ice cream in one single lesson! Obviously, the science part was of far more interest to them all than the ice cream!



Congleton Eye School

Not for the faint hearted!

As part of their study of Light Energy and how this helps us to see, Miss Figiel's Year Eight Scientists dissected an eye during their lesson

In doing this, they were able to locate and identify the different parts of the organ including the iris, the lens and the optic nerve. Although it wasn't everyone's idea of a fun lesson, the exercise gave the students a far better understanding of the eye than simply looking at diagrams on the page or on a screen.



Swimathon Success

Earlier in the year, our Parents in Partnership (PiP) group put together a CHS team to take part in the Rotary Swimathon at Congleton Leisure Centre. Our team swam brilliantly, totalling a fabulous 128 lengths between them.

In the Swimathon event, local groups put forward teams of all ages and abilities to swim for around an hour. Each team raises its own sponsorship money according to the number of lengths they swim and fifty per cent of this is returned to them for their own chosen charities. The money is shared with Rotary, who organise and sponsor the event. Last term, Mrs Eckersley was delighted to receive a cheque from the President of the Congleton Rotary Club for a wonderful £225 for the PiP charity and another for £81.06 for the school's fundraising for East Cheshire Hospice.

Rotary's own two chosen local charities, Forget me Not Dementia Group and Pure Insight, were each presented with a cheque for £2,000.

The 2019 Swimathon raised over £10,000, divided between the teams' charities, Rotary and their own chosen charities. In total, sixty four teams swam a combined 8,358 lengths of the pool - equivalent to 131 miles!

Anyone interested in joining our Parents in Partnership group can speak with Mrs Eckersley to find out more or visit the Parents in Partnership page in the Parent Area of our website



Page Turners

At CHS we encourage students to read at every opportunity and aim to invest into interesting, enriching and age appropriate books in our LRC. We ask that each student reads for a minimum of twenty to thirty minutes per day and that they always have a reading book with them.

Year Seven parents and carers heard about how and why we promote reading and our Accelerated Reader scheme during the recent Year Seven Information Evening. You can see a copy of this presentation and all Parent and Carer Information Evenings on the Parent and Carer Information page in the Parent Area of our website: CongletonHigh.com.

Our Accelerated Reader (AR) scheme enables students to get more from the books that they read. Once they have completed a text, they log on in school or at home and complete a short quiz. The AR pages can be accessed by students via our school computers or by students, parents and carers via the CHS or AR websites.



How to log on to AR

- School computers only: Start Button/ English/ AR
- Or
- School website: Via Student & Parent/Carer Areas
- Or
- Online: <https://ukhosted58.renlearn.co.uk/2233849>



Cllr Saunders Shares Cmat Learning Journey

Earlier this year, CHS, along with fellow Cmat school, Black Firs Primary, welcomed Councillor Jos Saunders, then the Cheshire East Council Cabinet Member for Children and Families, to see the Cmat Pre-School to Sixth Form Learning Journey for herself.

Within her Council remit at the time as the Portfolio Holder for Children and Families, Cllr Saunders' interests included all aspects of Education and School, Lifelong Learning and Employment and Skills, so both schools were delighted to share some of the many opportunities enjoyed by the 1607 children educated by the Trust. Cmat schools continue to be very successful, with all three celebrating above average results from Key Stage 1 in Black Firs and Castle, right u



During her visit to Congleton High, she met with Cmat CEO, Mr Hermitt, CHS Assistant Headteacher - Leader of Sixth Form, Miss Boulton, CHS Chair of Governors, Rich Benson, and a number of the teaching team across curriculum areas. She was also able to see the learning and community facilities available to students including the outdoor shelter, financed by donations and student fundraising.

Following a visit to the Sixth Form Centre, Cllr Saunders met with CHS Work Placement Co-ordinator, Mrs Sadat-Shafai for an introduction into the school's programme. With education and employment both falling within her remit, the opportunities make to students' success.

Clr Saunders was welcomed to Black Firs by Headteacher, Martin Casserley, who showed the Cmat learning journey from the very beginning, with a visit to the Early Years facility. As Town Athletics Champions for fourteen years in a row and winners of many of the local sports awards, the team at Black Firs were also keen to show off their new sporting facilities.

Both schools are extremely popular, with parents/carers across the town hoping to secure a place for their child. Whilst sharing the great progress made by Cmat children and the many academic and personal successes they enjoy, Mr Hermitt was also keen to discuss with the Councillor the lack of funding. The increase in the number of housing developments in close proximity to CHS and Black Firs has not been matched by an increase in funding and this is a cause for concern.

Mr Hermitt, commented:

"Families moving into the area should have a chance of securing a school place within walking distance of their new homes. The property developers have signed agreements to provide additional resources for the secondary schools in the town but this funding has not yet materialised."

"We are asking the Local Authority to make Congleton a higher priority in its decision making and to release the same levels of financial support already bestowed upon Alsager and Sandbach.

"We look forward to receiving the levels of funding necessary for us to be able to educate this continually increasing number of students."

Both schools were delighted to meet with Councillor Saunders and would like to pass on the thanks of all the children, parents, carers and staff to her for taking the time to visit them.



Uniform, Kit, Books and More

We have a Facebook group, **CHS Buy, Sell, Swap and Donate**, which brings together parents and carers looking to buy, sell, swap or donate CHS uniform, PE kit, textbooks, required reading texts, school equipment etc.

There are now almost 400 members in the group, so if you haven't joined already, please feel free to sign up and start listing all your school related items - uniform, PE kit, textbooks etc.

We would also be grateful for any donations of text books, revision guides or items of uniform that you no longer need, please drop them in to Main or Student Reception, where they will be gratefully received.



Discovering A Smooth Transition

By the time students start at CHS in Year Seven, our aim is that they'll already be familiar with the school, with many of the teachers, the layout of the building and also have experienced some of our lessons. We achieve this through the programme of 'Discovery Days' we host for our Partner Primaries, mainly from Year Five but occasionally earlier.

Combined with our primary school sports activities and other competitions we run for Key Stage 1 and 2 children, these events enable our future cohort to get to know us, understand how our students learn and see what is expected of them. The transition from primary to high school becomes much smoother and easier in this way and isn't such a big, scary step.

The images around the page depict the different things we do during our Discovery Days but, more than this, they show how relaxed and happy pupils already look in these familiar surroundings.

Our first Discovery Day of the academic year, held each September is our popular Cultural Diversity Day, which gives Year Six children an insight into other cultures and how others live their lives. This year, we held workshops on African Beading, Bollywood Dancing, Disability and Sport Awareness and African Dance.

Year Five students join us for a whole day of Science based activity as part of the Crest Superstars initiative, which includes experiments such as: bridge and boat building, finger printing and making kites and rockets. This is a great way of introducing children to the Science equipment and facilities that they will use regularly as high school students.

Our key Discovery Day takes place at the end of June for all Year Six students due to start with us. It is a full day of introductory lessons and familiarisation activities that enable Year Seven to 'hit the ground running' in September.

Along with taster lessons in a range of subjects including Science, Languages, Drama, ICT and Design and Technology, the New Intake Day includes a 'Map Trail' around the school, which enables new starters to get to grips with where each department can be found, the location of essentials such as the LRC, refectory and cloak rooms and also introduces them to areas they may not have previously come across on earlier visits. Year Six are able to spend time in their tutor groups, making new friends and getting to know their form tutor.

Usually our New Intake Day is the final Discovery Day for Year 6 students but last term, we introduced a three-day programme of workshops in a range of subjects including science, languages, drama and DT. These sessions were a great success with all the children who were eager to start studying the subjects for real in Year Seven.

Far from students spending the summer worrying about starting high school, we find the day results in the majority of them counting the days until they can start at CHS full time!



Forming Friendships

Starting a new school can be a scary time at any age and is particularly daunting for those eleven year olds moving up from primary school to become the youngest members of a much larger school than they have been used to for the previous seven years.

It is with this in mind that we hold our many 'Discovery Days' for primary school children of all years to familiarise them with the school, staff, students and their future classmates. This work to ensure a smooth transition and help students settle in quickly doesn't stop once they join the school. In the first few weeks of term, all Year Seven students are able to take part in our New Starter Teambuilding Day at Astbury Waterpark, a full day of activities aimed at helping students get



to know each other, learn how to achieve success together by working in teams and, most of all, have fun!

Students enjoy a whole range of events including kayaking, climbing, bushcraft, archery, raft building and orienteering. New friendship groups are formed, which is a real bonus for those joining from one of the many smaller schools in the area, who often make the move up in ones and twos.



It is always a thoroughly rewarding and enjoyable day, which starts off the new school year in the best possible way!



Cheshire Champions

We were delighted to learn that our popular Work Placement Coordinator, Mrs Sadat-Shafai, had been named School Support Staff of the Year in the finals of the 2019 Cheshire Schools Awards held in Chester just before we broke up last term.

Mrs Sadat-Shafai was nominated for the award as a result of the fantastic work she does with students in Sixth Form and across the school. Along with securing work placements for students, Mrs Sadat-Shafai also seeks out a whole array of additional opportunities to enable them to learn more about the world of work and develop the skills and attributes required. This gives students a wide range of work experience and employability skills, which helps set them on the path for a successful career after leaving Congleton High School.

A group of students and staff attended the awards with Mrs Sadat-Shafai and were able to share her elation when her name was called and she was presented with the award for School Support Staff of the Year 2019 by ITV Granada Reports presenter, Lucy Meacock.

Mr Barlow, Headteacher, commented on Mrs Sadat-Shafai's achievement: *"We were thrilled to hear that Mrs Sadat-Shafai had won the Award and that her hard work and dedication had been recognised. The opportunities that she creates for our students really do help to give them a head start once they leave us for university, training or employment."*

"Mrs Sadat-Shafai has forged strong relationships across our local business community in a broad range of industries and this enables us to offer the majority of students work placement and employment skills training in their chosen field. Congratulations to Mrs Sadat-Shafai from all of us at Congleton High School for this very much deserved Award"

The Awards proved very successful as Congleton High was also shortlisted for the Secondary School of the Year Award along with team winning the Awards Dinner Quiz prize of a huge bag of goodies for the students!



Key Dates for Your Diary

Friday 25 th October 2019	School Closes for Autumn Half-Term Break
Monday 4 th November 2019	School Closed - Congleton Town INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th November 2019	School Opens to Students
Wednesday 13 th November 2019	GCSE Awards Evening
Wednesday 20 th November 2019	Year 11 Parents/Carers Information Evening
Thursday 14 th November 2019	CHS Fashion Fundraiser
Wednesday 27 th November 2019	PiP Meeting 7pm
Thursday 28 th November 2019	Academic Mentoring Day
Thursday 12 th December 2019	CHS Senior Citizens' Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th December 2019	A Level Awards Evening
Friday 20 th December 2019	CHS Christmas Celebration at Astbury St Mary's Church
Friday 20 th December 2019	School Closes for Christmas Break
Monday 6 th January 2020	School re-opens

Please note - Term dates, Parents'/Carers' Evenings and other important school events and activities can also be found in the website [Parent Area](#) and [Calendar](#)

Your Help with Road Safety



We have an ongoing issue with road safety around the school site. There are a number of cars parked on Box Lane at the end of the school day, blocking both the pavement and the road, causing a dangerous obstruction for pedestrians and other cars. It also results in traffic chaos as the road becomes blocked with single lane traffic unable to move in either direction due to the parked cars.

Please would you help us in the following ways to prevent an accident and help the traffic to flow:

A) *Avoid parking on Box Lane - there are plenty of safe parking areas, away from the school and only minutes' walk that also do not inconvenience our very patient neighbours. (Please also park considerably and not across driveways/ junctions etc.)*

And

B) *Remind your child of their own road safety responsibilities including staying alert when next to roads and also waiting for crossing lights to turn green before stepping into the road.*

Thank you for your support.

Catwalk One

Join us at:
Congleton High School
for a great night of fashion
Thursday 14th of November,
from 6:30pm

**All money raised goes to
the school charity.**
Tickets: £5, Concessions £3

Catwalk One is a ladies evening fashion event.
The show has the latest trends at low prices
that you can purchase on the night.
*Cash preferred as card machine is subject to availability

Brands Including:
TOPSHOP, Zara, Wallis,
River Island, Dorothy Perkins,
Marks and Spencer & more

**To book tickets please contact
CHS reception on 01260 730123**

Life Beyond GCSEs

The Sixth Form team held their annual Open Evening this term, welcoming Year 11 students from CHS and a record number from other schools in the area to find out more about the positive difference we can make to their Post 16 success.

Many visitors had already decided on CHS as their first choice whilst others were keen to find out about the wide range of courses, dedicated facilities and student support on offer, using the evening to help them make this important decision. Head of Sixth Form, Miss Boulton, gave a short welcome presentation along with Head Girl, Lara Nuttall and Head Boy, Alex Lehm (*right*).

Miss Boulton shared the continued Post 16 success. Results have seen a three-year upward trend in top grades across the 40 academic and vocational courses offered. 70 top grades were celebrated by the 100 students sitting A Levels last year, with an even greater number of A*/A and Distinction*/Distinction grades than previously seen.

Our Sixth Form courses boast a strong track record of achieving at least 99% pass rates and GCSE resit results remain above the national average and amongst the best in Cheshire. Across all courses, results celebrated by Sixth Form students place the school among the best Post 16 providers in Cheshire East.



As an inclusive school, CHS is a supportive and nurturing environment where all students, no matter what their ability, are challenged to do their best. Although Sixth Form does have entry requirements, students are not rejected after the first year if they don't achieve top A or B grades. As a result, impressive A Level and vocational results are celebrated each year and the team consistently acknowledged for the high standard of teaching and learning by Ofsted and visiting HMI Inspectors.

Guests were impressed by the wide range of courses designed to accommodate all needs. Along with the traditional selection of academic and vocational qualifications, the range includes Level 3 Food Science and Nutrition, suitable for those wishing to pursue careers in food sciences and technology; an option to study textiles as part of the Cambridge Technical Art course; and the newest addition to the range - Applied Science, a general science qualification ideal for students not yet wishing to specialise. Sporting students were particularly keen to learn more about our Sport Academy, which enables studies to be combined with training sessions, coaching, volunteering and playing fixtures.

Our flexible study patterns for Year 12 and 13, enabling students to choose a study style that suits them, was also of interest to visitors. Although the norm is to take three subjects, some choose to study four and others specialise in just one alongside work placements and other supplementary qualifications. Some choose to take three years to complete their post 16 studies while others complete our Training for Work programme, spending Year 12 improving Maths and English, studying a vocational course and completing an extended work placement before progressing to advanced courses in Years 13 and 14. We can accommodate all these choices.



Throughout their time with Sixth Form, students are also supported to work towards the next stage of their journey after completing their post 16 years. Whether they plan to move into higher education, aspire to secure an apprenticeship or degree apprenticeship or find employment opportunities, the Sixth Form team will work with them to ensure that they are able to achieve the best outcome for themselves.

Throughout the Evening, the Head Girl, Head Boy and their team of Year 12 and 13 students leaders were able to share with visitors the many positive aspects that set CHS apart from other Post 16 providers. These benefits include a fantastic team of teachers and support staff, specialists in their field and in working with older students. Another plus point for Year 12 and 13 students is the strong community feeling within Sixth Form, with the advantage of their own purpose built building - including coffee shop, common room and study areas.

Important for many visitors was the funding available to those wishing to study after GCSEs. Keen to ensure that no enthusiastic learner should miss out, CHS has made a number of bursaries available for Sixth Form students, who can access both a 16-19 Bursary and a Transport Bursary. In addition, promising Engineering students are able to apply for an Arkwright Scholarship through the school, which is a £600 award along with mentoring and enrichment opportunities.

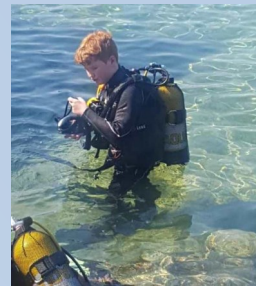


Any Year 11 student, parent or carer who was unable to attend the event or would like to learn more and perhaps visit the school on a normal working day, should contact Leader of Sixth Form, Miss Boulton in the Sixth Form Centre or on 01260 730123 or by email: jboulton@congletonhigh.com

Spotlight on Student Success

Year 9, **Alex Jones**, worked hard over the summer break and was delighted to achieve his PADI Scuba Diving Certification as a result of all his effort.

The final part of the challenge was to undertake four open dives in Malta but he actually completed six successful dives, achieving a depth of 16 metres!



Year 8 student, **Jayden Tang**, is celebrating after securing a fantastic opportunity, which should help him develop his love of football into a possible future career.

After spending a number of weeks over the summer impressing the Liverpool FC Academy coaches with his football skills and his dedication and love of the sport, he secured an eight week trial with the Liverpool FC Academy Squad! Watch this space!

On September 5th, Year 12 student, **Tom Darlington**, and a team of 4 other sailors from Rudyard Lake Sailing Club,

sailed forty-five miles across the English Channel in aid of Maggie's, a cancer trust that helps patients going through cancer treatment and their families.

The team set off from Rye in East Sussex early on Saturday morning. The boat was manned by two crew and the other crew members followed on in the support yacht. The crossing became hairy when the tiny fifteen foot sailing dinghy had to navigate



the world business shipping lane that is the English Channel. The team were forced to cross the bows of huge super-tankers and container ships, resulting in one tanker having to give way to the dinghy by doing that can only be described as a ship's version of a hand-brake turn!

After crossing the shipping lanes, the last leg to Boulogne began with Tom at the helm. The winds soon picked up to a Force 4 (30 mile an hour winds), resulting in breath-taking three metre swells. The team landed on French soil 7 hours, 1 min and 45 seconds after setting off, with only one capsize and averaging 6 knots throughout the day.

As a result of this fantastic effort, the Sailing Club raised £2,720 pounds of the £5,000 target they set out to achieve. Maggie's is a charity close to the Sailing Club's heart as one of their ex-sailors and instructors was diagnosed with Stage 2A Hodgkins Lymphoma and the Trust really helped her and her family get through her treatment. If you would like to donate to the Team's fund, you can visit the JustGiving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/risc-crosschannelchallenge>



Centre Stage Youth Theatre were back at the Daneside Theatre for a two-night special, "**All The World's A Stage**" and we were delighted that twelve of our students from across the school took part.

The first half of the show comprised a musical play, "Dream On," a singing and dancing comedy adaptation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Nights Dream*. This was followed by a selection of songs and dances from Shakespeare themed musicals including West Side Story, Kiss Me Kate and The Lion King.

The CHS students involved were: **Luc Bardsley - Y8, Jamie Cam - Y8, Lincoln D'Annunzio- Bruns - Y9, Alice Beech - Y10, Florence Booth - Y10, Luca Farrall - Y10, Olivia Farrell - Y10, Grace Kennedy - Y10, Molly Millward - Y10, Lily Smith - Y10, Millie Bead - Y13, Will Bours - Y13**

Another of our star performer students, **Charlie House**, took on the key role of William Beech in the Congleton Players' production of Goodnight Mr Tom at Daneside Theatre recently. This was Charlie's first role in an adult production and, not even stopping to take a breath, he is now rehearsing for Congleton Amateur Youth Theatre's production of The Wizard of Oz in November.



Wonderful Wheelbarrows

Back in March, Mrs Moore started a Gardening Club for students and this has proved to be extremely popular, not least with our staff who are seeing the benefits with the vast improvement to the gardens in the staff room quad area.

Members of the Gardening Club were encouraged to take part in the Congleton and District Horticultural Society's William Dean Trust Wheelbarrow Challenge. Year Eight student, Hope Pointon, eagerly signed up and was rewarded with a Highly Commended from the judges for her wonderful entry.



The Club is taking a welcome winter break now but we look forward to seeing them and the wonderful plants return in the spring.



Science Expedition

Our popular Science Club relocated to Astbury Mere last term for a bit of pond dipping to see how the wildlife there differs from our own CHS pond in the staffroom quad.

The students were thrilled to find a selection of creatures including dragonfly larvae, newt larvae, mayfly larvae and water spiders.

None of the species they came across on their visit have ever been found in our own pond so it was a great result for the team.

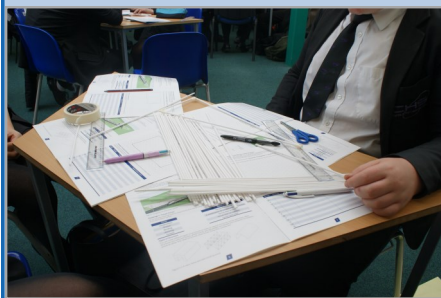


EPIC STEM



Sixty of our Year 8 Design Technology students took part in an HS2 EPIC STEM Workshop last term with Miss Kenny, undertaking a range of tasks to challenge and extend their Engineering skills.

As part of this, the group designed a 'station of the future' and constructed their own version of a robust loadbearing rail tunnel. Some designs were more successful than others at withstanding the weights placed on them and many were designated a real risk to health and safety! Luckily, no passengers were harmed!



Snowdon Adventure



Last term, Mrs Airey and Mr Donnelly took a group of Year Nine and Year Twelve students on a hike up Snowdon, accompanied by Cheshire East mountain leaders.

The group set off at 8am and drove to Llanberis, hiking to the top of the mountain via the Llanberis path for a cup of tea in the cafe before returning to the minibus and back to CHS. Easy as that!



Summer Market Success

Our amazing Year 11 students raised over £1500 for the British Heart Foundation with their Summer Market at the end of last term with a huge number of stalls and activities. There really was something for everyone whether they wanted delicious things to eat or drink, fancied adding a bit of sparkle to their day or just needed to work off a few of the calories from the tasty doughnuts and chocolate treats!

Thank you to all the students and staff who came along to support them.



Sea, Sun and SUP

At the end of the Summer Term, 62 students from Years Eight to Twelve made their way to Murcia for the 2019 CHS PE Department Water Sports Trip.

The bi-annual trip was once again a huge hit with the students. For some, it was their second or third time, for others it was their first experience of a water sports tour and for a few it was their very first time abroad.

It was an action packed four nights, with six water sports sessions including sailing, stand up paddle boarding, giant SUP board, windsurfing and Kayaking.

Evening activities included beach volleyball, football and an impromptu opportunity for a sing-along with a local street entertainer. Of course, it wasn't all work (!) the group also managed to fit in a full day at a water park!

As Mr de Souza's last trip with CHS, it was extra special and students across the year groups laughed together, supported each other and embraced the opportunity to get to know new people.

Mrs Salt, Mrs Henderson, Miss Chetta, Mr Ainsley and Mr Watkins would like to thank the students for making the trip such a memorable and enjoyable experience.

Roll on 2021!



Sports Day Success

We enjoyed another very successful Sports Day at the end of last term. **Eight** new school records were set on the day, beating established records by significant amounts and one even predating official school records!

Event	Student	Record	Notes
Y7 Boys 100m	Herbie James	13s 3ms	Beat record set in 2016 by 47ms
Y7 Boys 200m	Kebbe Gaye	28s 1ms	Beat record set in 2017 by 1s 54ms
Y7 4x100m Mixed Relay	7CMJ	58s 7ms	Beat record set 2017 by 3s 93ms
Y7 Boys Long Jump	Kebbe Gaye	5m 18cm	Beat record set in 2017 by 78cm
Y7 Points Total	7AH	159 points	Beat record set in 2018 by 16 points
Y8 Boys 800m	Jack Riley	2m 18s	Beat one of oldest school records (no date) by 15s
Y9 4x100m Girls Relay	9KCH	59s	Beat record set in 2013 by 76ms
Y9 4x100m Mixed Relay	9HL	57s 6ms	Beat record set in 2018 by 11ms

The overall winners of the 2019 CHS Sports Day was **7AH** with a new Year Group Sports Day record of 159 points. 8GXT (148 pts), 9HL (136 pts) and 10HV were each the winning forms in their year groups.

Congratulations to every single student who took part. **#AchievingSuccessTogether**



Wimbledon Wonder



Once again we were lucky enough to secure tickets for Wimbledon in the summer and Mrs Salt and Mr de Souza took ten students down to London to experience this amazing event.

Despite setting off from Congleton at 6am, the students were constantly laughing and smiling all day! They had tickets for Number 2 court and were able to watch

Stan Wawrinka, Kevin Anderson and many more stars battle it out on the grass.

Along with the famous names on court, they also spotted many other well-known faces throughout the day and as they walked into the grounds, they were delighted to see Tim Henman and Sue Barker!



Saluting Sports Success

Our Sports Awards Evening, held each year in July, is an opportunity to publicly congratulate and reward the students who have demonstrated commitment and dedication to achieving in sport, both in and outside school.

We have a number of 'special awards' presented to students in particular areas and our newest award, The **Tom Jackson Football Award**, was created in honour of our former student who demonstrated great strength, bravery and friendship and tragically lost his life in 2016. It is a privilege for us to be able to remember him in this way.

Last term, over 150 students received awards in recognition of their outstanding performance or leadership in sport. Along with Tom's award, we also presented prizes for Contribution to School Sport, Future Champions, Player of the Year, Athlete of the Year, Team of the Year and Sports Person of the Year along with The Daniel Sturridge Rising Star Award and the Lynda Arnold Award for Outstanding Contribution to School Sport .

The winners of the main awards were:

The **Tom Jackson Football Award** went to Mikey Lennon

The **Daniel Sturridge Rising Star Award** went to Kate Oakley

The **Lynda Arnold Award** went to Lydia Eardley.



Sports Person of the Year awards went to Ellie-Jade Oliver, Mollie Hurst, Lola Craddock, Zara Eardley, Phoebe Jennings , Kebbe Gaye, Jack Riley, Theo Sharman, Bailey Hall and Jack Farrall

Team of the Year awards went to both the **U16 Girls Netball Team**: Daisy Smith, Zara Eardley, Katie Darmon, Mollie Hurst, Ruby Hughes, Josie Robertson, Eillen Oakley, Ella Prior, Eme Noakes and **Under 16 Boys Football Team**: Connor Moores, Ru Morgan, Owen Rowley, Mikey Lennon, Adam Perry, Tom Valentine, Sam Johnson, Elliot Dolman, Will Parrish, Sam Kehoe, Caden Frost, Jack Farrall, Matt Owen, Kai Ansell, Kieran Knight, Jacob Herd, Zac Heath-Mills and Brandon Swinnerton.

Sports Leader the Year awards went to Tom Kennedy, Olivia Hilton, Leah O Connor and Ellie Shaw

Player of the Year - Boys

Sport	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth form
Football	Jayden Tang	Sam Baldwin	Tom Williams	Mason Hopkins	Mikey Lennon	Kane Hilditch
Rugby	Adam Beard	Jake Taylor	Ben Sproston	Alex Comer	Sam Vale	
Basketball	Louis Dishington	Josh Bailey-Pope	Theo Sharman	Brandon Upperton	Elliot Dolman	Ethan Owen
Athletics	Kebbe Gaye	Jack Riley	Khaya Marissa	Mason/ Bailey	Ru Morgan	
Rounders	Jake Darby	Tom Farrall	Eden Bedson	Spencer Sheard		
Indoor Rowing	Caleb Bernard	Iszak de Takats	Jack Hanley	Reve Clowes-Michael		

Player of the Year - Girls

Sport	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth form
Netball	Evie Mcdarmaid	Ellie Greaves	Danya Abbid	Daisy Smith	Mollie Hurst	Mia Millward
Football	Lola Craddock	Ruby Jennings	Kate Oakley	Jem Hollins	Abby Craig	
Basketball	Freya Dale	Evelyn Roberts	Chloe Craddock	Sophia Miccolis		
Indoor Rowing	Georgia Bostock	Ellie-Jade Oliver	Chloe Craddock	Zara Eardley		
Rounders	Paige Tomkinson	Grace Winkle	Kate Oakley	Katie Darmon		
Athletics	Sofia Machin	Grace Heath	Chloe Craddock	Lucy Brightwell	Jade Cartlidge	

Congratulations to all the students who received awards on the night and also to all those who continue to turn up week after week to training and fixtures and help to ensure that sport at Congleton High School continues to thrive

School Sporting Success for 2018-19

At the end of the 2018-19 academic year, we were able to celebrate some great sporting results across the school for the many regional and national competitions in which we take part each year.

NETBALL

U16 Girls	Cheshire - Champions
Year 8 Girls	S Cheshire - Runners Up

ROWING

Year 7 Girls	Level 3 School Games - Champions
Year 7 Boys	Level 3 School Games - Champions
Year 8 Girls	Level 3 School Games - Champions
Year 8 Boys	Level 3 School Games - Champions
Year 9 Girls	Level 3 School Games - Champions
Year 9 Boys	Level 3 School Games - Champions
Year 10 Girls	Level 3 School Games - Champions

ROUNDERS

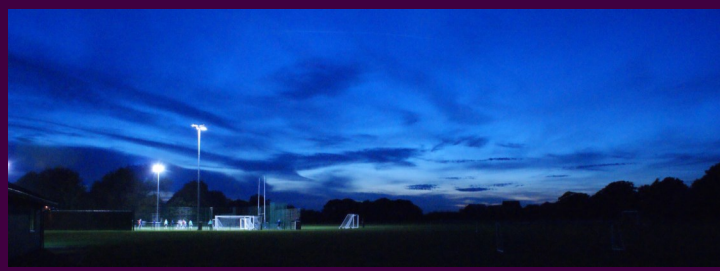
Year 9	South Cheshire - Champions
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FOOTBALL

Year 8 Boys	S Cheshire - Runners Up
Year 9 Boys	S Cheshire - Champions
Year 11 Boys	S Cheshire - Champions
U12 Girls	SSP League - Runners Up
U14 Girls	SSP League - Champions
U14 Girls	Cheshire - Champions

RUGBY

Year 7 Boys	District - Runners Up
Year 8 Boys	District - Runners Up



Keeping in Touch



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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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