



HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter Summer 2025

Headteacher's Message - Summer Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw the curtain on another vibrant and inspiring term at Hope High School, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the achievements, creativity, and community spirit that have defined Summer 2025.

This term has been a celebration of learning in its richest form — from the imaginative Shakespeare Day activities to the hands-on innovation in our DT workshops, our students have truly brought their talents to life. Whether crafting Blockbots, designing anime-inspired keyrings, or baking banana bread, their enthusiasm and skill have shone through.

We've seen our students grow not only academically but emotionally and socially. The Wellbeing Champions programme, animal therapy sessions, and heartfelt poetry on inclusion have all highlighted the compassion and empathy that make our school community so special.

Our Year 11 leavers gave us moments of joy and reflection as we celebrated their journey with us — a journey filled with laughter, learning, and lasting memories. We wish them every success as they step into their next chapter, knowing they will always be part of the Hope family.

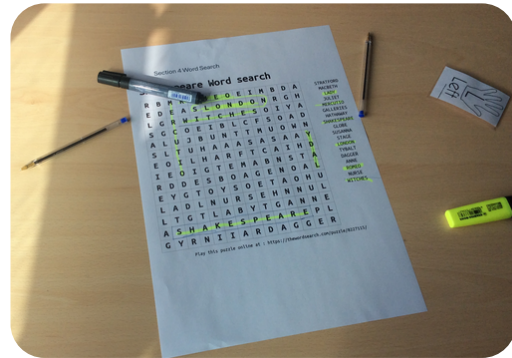
From sporting triumphs in the Premier League Tournament to STEM success with the RAF RoboDog project, our students continue to amaze us with their dedication and drive. Their achievements are a testament to the supportive environment we've built together — one where every child is encouraged to thrive.

Thank you to our incredible staff, our wonderful families, and, most of all, our outstanding students for making this term so memorable. I wish you all a restful and joyful summer break.

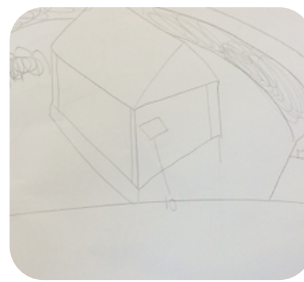
With warmest regards,

Mrs Dunbavin & Mrs Fletcher

APRIL SHAKESPEARE DAY



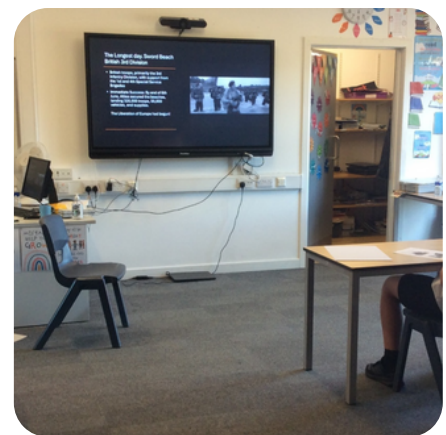
On 23rd April 2025 Hope High School celebrated Shakespeare Day, which is four hundred and seven years since the Bard passed away. Everyone was invited to join in to commemorate this day and all had fun participating in the activities. Some the activities took place on the actual day, whilst others were planned over a longer period to give participants time to fine tune their entries. Some of the activities included; searching for 'little people' around the school (finding miniature printed Shakespear characters in hidden places around the school), anagram solving (looking around the school for laminated A4 characters) and creating a Shakespeare scene using shoe boxes and collage resources (just to name a few)! Everyone had fun and had a chance to take part in any or all of the activities. Some winners managed to win an easter egg as a prize! Well done to all those who took part.



MAY VE DAY



VE Day at Hope High School was commemorated with a variety of activities throughout the day. In class, our pupils learned about the events surrounding VE Day (Victory in Europe Day).



MAY

Daniel from TWC spent time with some of our students, teaching them how to repair the school bikes. The session included changing tyres, replacing inner tubes, understanding the different types of bike valves, and learning general bike maintenance. The students demonstrated excellent behaviour and strong practical skills throughout the session. We look forward to working with Daniel again in the future.



Over the course of six weeks, eight students from Hope High school have attended training from Compass Bloom to become 'Wellbeing Champions'. Students have learnt about the meaning of wellbeing, the job role, safety, being a good listener, skills and qualities, raising awareness and coping strategies.

Both instructors, Holly and Emily, were very impressed with the engagement and skills the students showed throughout the course.

Hope High School staff and students would like to say a massive congratulations to our champions, we know they will play a valuable part in supporting students with their wellbeing. Well Done!!!!



MAY

A Heartfelt Thank You from Hope High

Some of our staff and our Chair of Governors came together for a truly special event in memory of Leo and we are beyond grateful for the overwhelming support from everyone who participated, attended, and donated.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've raised an amazing £470 for Lancashire Mind, and we are keeping the fundraising page open for a few more weeks if you'd like to contribute.

It was an emotional day, filled with love, remembrance, and hope. Thank you all for making this such a meaningful occasion and for helping us make a positive impact on mental health in Leo's honour.

Please find a few photos from the day below, and once again, thank you for your support. Your kindness means the world.



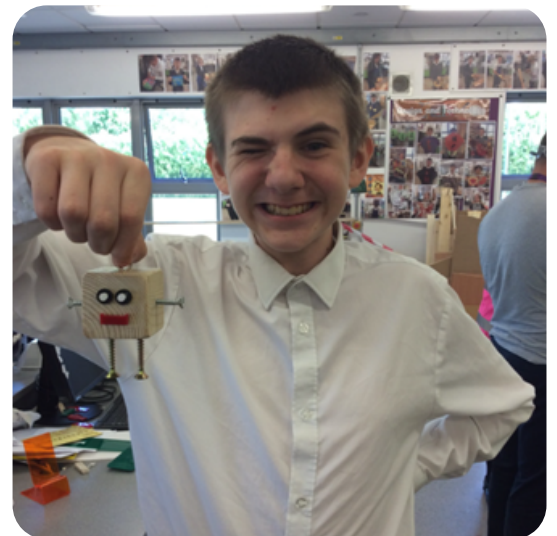
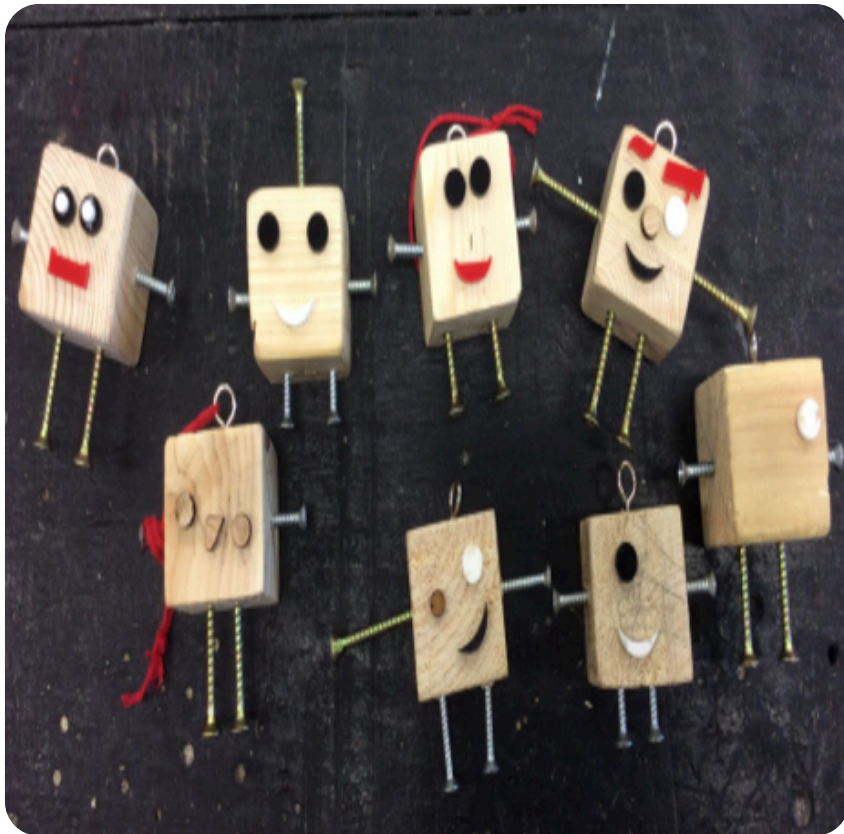
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Bringing creativity to life in the DT workshop!

In May, Aspire students had been developing essential practical skills in the workshop with Mrs. Gillies. The students learned to measure, cut, drill, and use a screwdriver with precision. Each student started with a length of timber, carefully measuring with a metal ruler and try square before shaping their own unique Blockbot family!

To add even more creativity, students designed faces using recycled acrylic from the laser cutter, reducing waste while exploring different materials.

Looking ahead, the next exciting project will build on their sewing machine skills as they craft their own personalised kites to fly on the field!



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**Bringing creativity to life
in the DT workshop!**

With our laser cutter back in action, students have been honing their CAD/CAM skills.

Starting with sweet keyring designs, students explored how the laser cutter processes vector lines whilst gaining a deeper understanding of precision and technique.

Using their previous skills, some students crafted anime-inspired pieces bringing their favourite characters and designs to life!

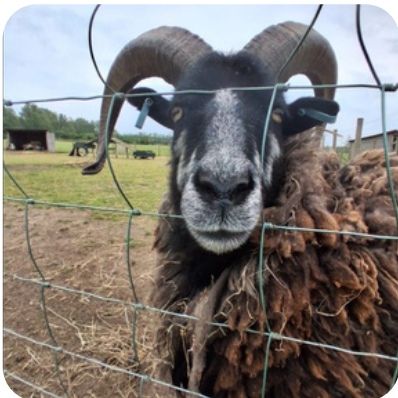
This hands-on experience is helping students master digital design, preparing them for even more exciting projects ahead.



JUNE

Our Animal Therapist, Mrs. Sawyer, recently held one of her intervention sessions at Apple Cast with one of our students. They had such a lovely time together!

Animal Therapy, also known as AAT (Animal Assisted Therapy), offers a wide range of benefits — from reducing stress and anxiety to improving social skills and emotional wellbeing. It's always heartwarming to see the positive impact these sessions have on our students.



**"An animals eyes have the ability
to speak a great language"
- Martin Buber**

JUNE

Bewilder wood Cheshier Aspire Trip!

The Aspire class went on an existing trip to Bewilder Wood, a reading adventure play park. We explored our way through mazes both on the ground and high up built between the trees of the woods, built dens from natural materials found in the woodlands and went down huge rope swings dodging between massive trees. Towards the end of our trip we braved the absolutely massive slides built up on tree houses. We all loved the trip and had a fantastic adventure lasting the whole day!



JUNE

Year 11 Leavers' Day Out and Presentation

YEAR 11 CELEBRATION DAY

Our Year 11 students marked the end of their time with us in style! They enjoyed a fun-filled day in Southport, starting with a few competitive rounds of bowling and finishing off with a delicious Chinese buffet. Both staff and pupils had a fantastic time — and the sunny weather made it even better. A well-deserved celebration for a wonderful group!





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Year 11 Leavers' Day Out and Presentation

Our Leavers' 2025 Presentation was an emotional rollercoaster.

We took a joyful trip down memory lane, celebrating the incredible journey our students have had at Hope High School. There were tears, laughter, and a deep sense of pride as we reflected on their achievements and growth.

As they move on to the next exciting chapter of their lives, we wish them nothing but happiness and success. Our door will always be open — we can't wait to hear about all the amazing things they go on to do. Once part of the Hope family, always part of the Hope family.



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BAKING UP A STORM!

Mrs. Gillies' Year 8.1 class rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into making Banana Bread recipe this morning as part of the new KS3 program being introduced next year.



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COMPETITION WINNER!!!

We are so thrilled to announce that one of our students was entered into a competition from the SEND partnership for creating a poem on the theme 'Inclusion.' Not only was our pupil chosen as one of the winners, she has also been chosen to have her poem published. This is an incredible opportunity and we are so proud of her achievements! Please read her wonderful poem below;

FEELINGS

Inclusion is much more than a simple word,
It's a powerful message that shows people care,
In the darkest of days please don't close the door on me,
You could be the light that helps me to see,
We are all human and our feelings are the same,
If you include me I'm sure too you will feel some gain,
It's not just me who likes to feel included it gives you a new purpose when you
include children like us too,
I can here you asking what do you do?
It's very simple and can be anything from letting me join in a game, to talking to
me like my opinion matters,
If you see someone different sit down and just have a natter ,
We don't want much just some acceptance and to know we're not alone ,
It's on the hardest days when the sun hasn't shown,
We need to feel included by most of society,
I know not everyone can see past the variety,
But next time you see someone who's a little different,
Show them you care your inclusion may just be significant.
One simple smile can change someone's day,
You may be the reason someone chooses to stay.

INCLUSION

ACCEPTANCE



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We had a wonderful first day at Towerwood!

Our pupils and staff enjoyed an exciting day of canoeing and swimming in the lake. In the evening, we visited Bowness, where everyone had fun exploring the shops and playing games on the field.



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Day 2 at Towerwood started off with breakfast in the restaurant and getting all geared up for Ghyll Scrambling at Stickle Ghyll. All pupils enjoyed the first days activities.

All the pupils were excellent and the instructors complemented pupils on excellent attitude and teamwork.



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PREMIER LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Some of our pupils were invited by Wigan Athletic to join their football team in a Premier League Tournament. All three of the pupils played outstanding throughout the whole day, even in the hot weather! They gelled well with the others in their team and had great spirit throughout the day.

The students finished fifth out of fourteen teams in the tournament just missing out on the final stages of the competition by one game, but as I'm sure you will agree, this was still a massive accomplishment. Well done lads!
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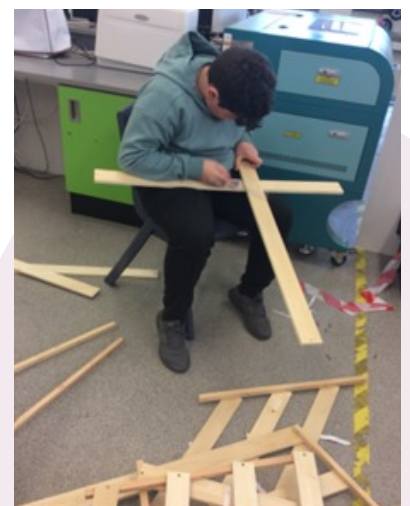
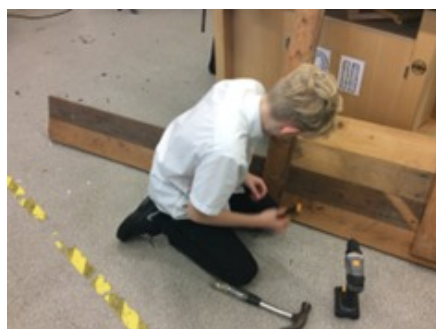
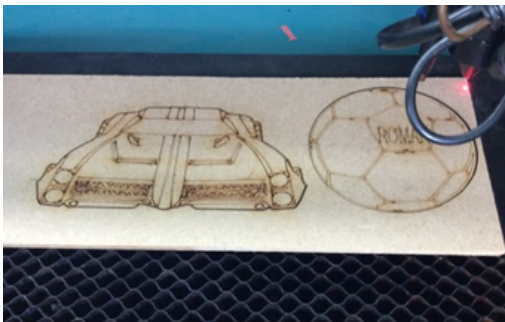
Creative Confidence in the Workshop

Adaptive teaching is at the heart of our workshop, allowing students to develop their skills in ways that suit their individual needs. The space has become more than just a classroom—it's a place where learning is personal, creative, and meaningful.

Some students take part in what's become affectionately known as pallet therapy, re-purposing materials as a mindful activity or to craft heartfelt gifts for loved ones. Whether it's a coaster featuring a favourite football team, a plaque for a sibling or friend or even a custom clock, each piece tells a story and reflects the student's creativity.

Every sign, clock, and creation made in the workshop brings joy—not just to those who make them, but to the wider school community. These projects help students build confidence, express themselves, and develop valuable practical skills.

To celebrate their achievements, students' work is proudly displayed on the "Proud Every Day" walls in the workshop. Their creations are also featured on classroom displays and the Proud Friday wall which reinforces a culture of recognition, pride, and belonging.



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RoboDog & STEM Success Across Schools!

We are beyond proud of three of our Year 9 students who recently participated in a prestigious case study with the Royal Air Force and the Smallpeice Trust. They designed, built, and programmed their very own RoboDog, demonstrating impressive problem-solving skills and creativity.

This initiative has been hugely successful across many schools, equipping students with hands-on experience in robotics and engineering. Schools nationwide have embraced LEGO SPIKE Prime, helping young learners develop essential STEM skills and prepare for exciting careers in technology and innovation.

As part of this national program, our students were interviewed to share their insights and experiences, showcasing the real-world applications of robotics and engineering. Their work is inspiring future generations of young innovators across the UK and beyond!

A huge well done to our talented students for their dedication and achievements! We can't wait to see what they create next.

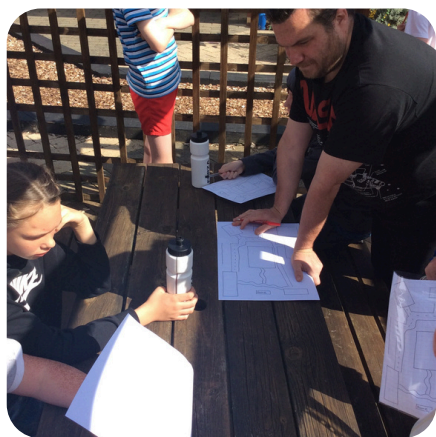


HAPPY *Independence* DAY

On Friday 4th July, Hope High School hosted its first 'Independence Day'. Whilst we spent some time exploring this historical event, Hope High made it our own by creating a fun and interactive day to develop independence and life skills. Pupils worked with their form groups to form teams and faced six challenges which included:

- Understanding bus timetables
- Buttons, zips, folding and hanging clothes and understanding clothes labels
- Deciphering maps and scheduling a busy day, including travel time
- Using a dictionary and alphabetising words
- Understanding sugar quantities in common food and drinks

Teams worked extremely hard and won 'dollars' which groups could then exchange for games, prizes and even school trips. Extra rewards were given for teamwork skills and encouraging others and we are proud to announce that the day was a huge success! This event will run again next year – let us know if you have any suggestions for skills you would like us to support your children with.



Up and Coming...

Autumn Term

SEPTEMBER:

1ST - INSET DAY
2ND - INSET DAY
3RD - SCHOOL RETURNS

OCTOBER

27TH - 31ST - HALF TERM

breakfast

ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE
BREAKFAST/EAST SNACK WHEN
THEY ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AND
THROUGHOUT THE MORNING.

snack



Scan here to explore PADLET Mental Health Resources.



A REMINDER FOR PARENTS/CARERS TO PLEASE ENSURE THAT UNIFORM IS LABELLED. WE ARE REGULARLY BEING ASKED ABOUT LOST UNIFORM BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO FIND.



Useful Numbers and Contacts

Lancashire Children's Social Care: 0300 123 6720

Police: Emergency 999

Non-Emergency 101

Prevent team (Police) : For advice on preventing radicalisation or reporting concerns. Lancashire Police Prevent Officers can be contacted by: telephone: 01282 472329/ 01282 472324.

Lancashire Children and Family Well-being Service:

West Lancashire: 01696 651350

Chorley: 01257 516466

Preston: 01772 539420

Mental Health Services:

NHS-Our Mental Health Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 0800 953 0110

Samaritans: call on freephone 116 123. They're always open and are there to listen.

Mind: Mental Health Service- 03001233393- text - 86463

You can text shout to Crisis- You can text SHOUT to 85258

For free, anonymous mental health support/advice : Kooth.com

Lancashire CAMHS Services:

CAMHS West Lancs Helpline: 01695 684 262

CAMHS Leyland: 01772 644 644

CAMHS Preston: 01772 777 344

CAMHS East Lancashire: 01282 425 071

Other Useful Safeguarding Sites:

Child Action North West: <https://canw.org.uk/>

NEST Lancashire: <https://nestlancashire.org/>

NSPCC: 0808 8005 000

For any medical concerns please contact your GP