



HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter—Autumn 2024

A message from Mrs.Fletcher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term. Pupils have worked really hard to settle back in after summer and it has been a pleasure welcoming our new Year 7's and their families to the school community.

This term has been an action-packed time at Hope High with pupils being involved in a range of activities and experiencing a number of educational visits. This edition of the newsletter will give you the highlights and show just how busy our pupils have been. We are extremely proud of the way they have stepped outside of their comfort zone and represented the school in an extremely positive light.

One of the biggest highlights of the term was our community Christmas Fayre. We had over 100 guests visit us on the day. There was a range of activities including tombola and karaoke and some amazing prizes for our raffle donated by one of our lovely Grandparents Linda Ashton. We had that many donations from Linda for the raffle we drafted her in to the run the stall. She helped us raise our biggest total so far of just over £800. This money helps to subsidise the costs of our educational visits and transport. A huge thank you to Linda and family for your generosity and continuous support.

Thank you as always for the support you give to us. Our new school term starts January 6th 2025. Have a happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas with your families and we look forward to welcoming pupils back in the New Year

Mrs. L. Fletcher

Head of School

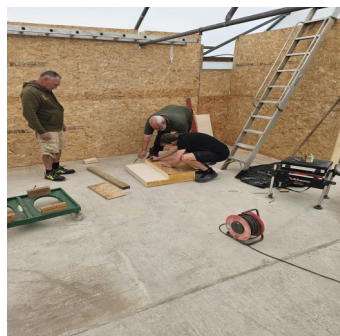
September

Field to Fork

In our Year 11 horticulture group, they pulled their potatoes that have been growing since before summer to them cooking them. They love growing them to cook!



In September, Our pupil Stephen was helping with the construction of the new carpentry and woodwork room. He helped fit windows and construct the walls by measuring and cutting! Stephen really enjoyed being part of this project and developed some skills.

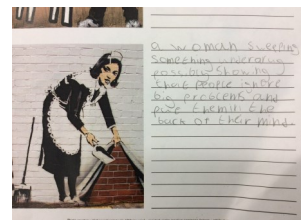
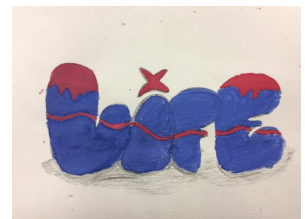
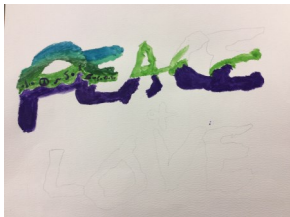


Thank you so much for supporting our Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We raised a fantastic **£82.50**.

September

The students have all created a word that means something to them, and have experimented with different watercolour techniques. They will then be looking at adding some Banksy elements. We also had some lovely annotation from a student, who referred to an image of a lady sweeping, as society brushing world problems under the rug, and not thinking about them. For a year 8, this level of understanding is phenomenal!



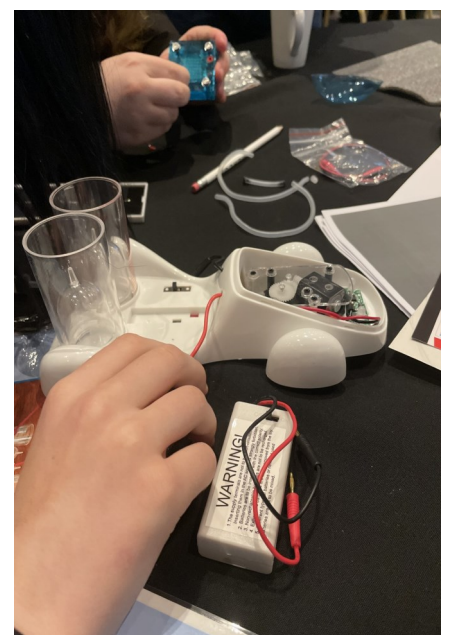
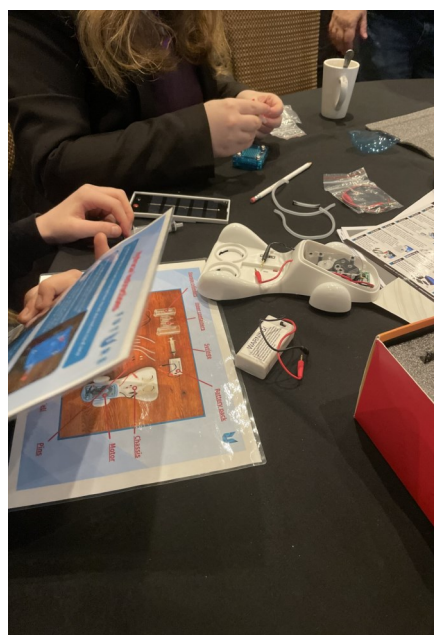
October

Mrs Baguley and some of Hope High's KS4 students attended a conference in Clayton Le Moors on Tuesday.

The Conference was well attended and had some great public speakers, including Lee Jackson, a motivational speaker and author. Staff and students all received the latest copy of his revised book 'Get good at school'.

'Future U' introduced students into the working world of industry and manufacturing. Students worked together to build a hydrogen fuelled car.

To finish the conference. Students spoke to leaders from colleges, universities and apprenticeships, collecting prospectus's and goodies on the way.

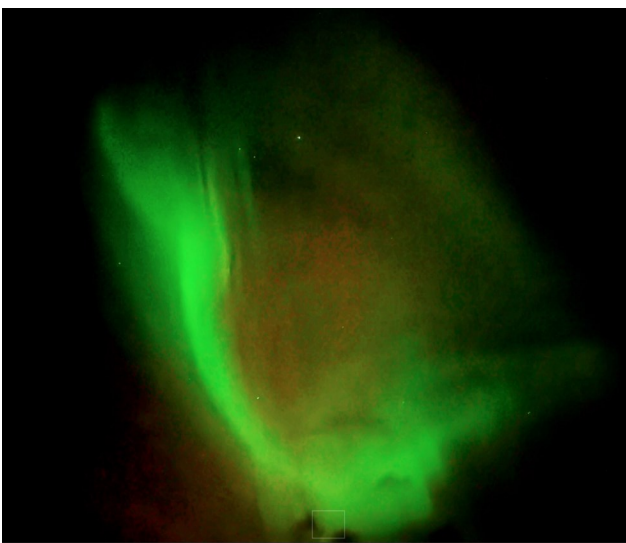
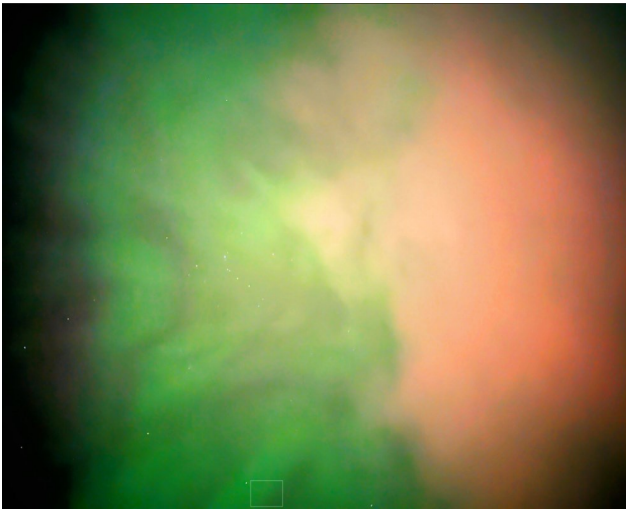


October

In Space Club, we love exploring incredible phenomena like the Northern Lights, or aurora borealis. These magical lights happen when solar particles collide with Earth's magnetic field, exciting gases in the atmosphere and creating vibrant green, pink, and purple displays.

Right now, during the Sun's solar maximum (the peak of its 11-year activity cycle), solar wind and flares are stronger, making the Northern Lights visible farther south than usual. It's a perfect opportunity for families to enjoy a hands-on science activity together from home!

Parents can track solar weather using free apps or websites like Space Weather Live or Aurora Alerts, which send notifications about aurora activity. On clear nights with strong activity, find a dark spot away from city lights, and let the kids try capturing the lights with a phone using night mode or manual settings. It's a great way to bring learning to life and create lasting memories!



October

Year 10&11 Students Visit Stackright to Explore Pathway Subjects

A group of our students had the exciting opportunity to visit Stackright, one of the UK's leading manufacturers and suppliers of portable cabins and modular buildings based in Skelmersdale. This visit was organized to support the students' pathway subjects, providing them with valuable insights into the industry and potential career paths.

During the visit, the students were given a comprehensive tour of the facilities, where they observed various operations and learned about the latest technologies used in the field. The team at Stackright also conducted interactive sessions, allowing the students to engage with professionals and ask questions about their roles and experiences. This practical experience not only enhanced their understanding of the subject matter but also inspired many to consider careers in this dynamic industry.

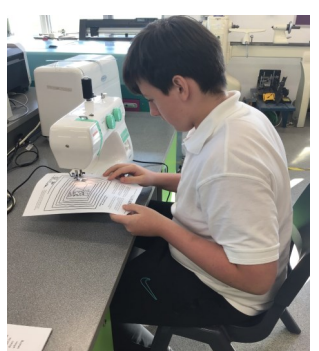
The visit to Stackright was a fantastic opportunity for our students to connect with practical applications, and we are grateful to the team at Stackright for their hospitality and support.



October

Design Technology

Our students have achieved remarkable results in their Textiles lessons, showcasing their skills with sewing machines. They have mastered the art of stitching their driving tests with precision, threading the machines efficiently, and ultimately creating personal kites to take home. These accomplishments highlight the importance of learning Textiles at school. Tasks like threading needles and intricate stitching improve fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination and not only highlights the versatility of Textiles skills but also shows how they can contribute to creating high-quality, functional products in a completely different



Pick your Pumpkins

Our Year 7's went to Roby Mill Pumpkin Patch as part of their Thrive sessions. The Pupils also learnt about the history of pumpkin picking and the traditions of Halloween.



November

Our students recently had an exciting educational trip to NW Materials in Skelmersdale. The diverse group explored the innovative world of materials science, gaining a valuable insight into the industry. The visit was not only informative but also inspired our students to consider future careers in this fascinating field. A big thank you to NW Materials for hosting us and making this trip memorable!



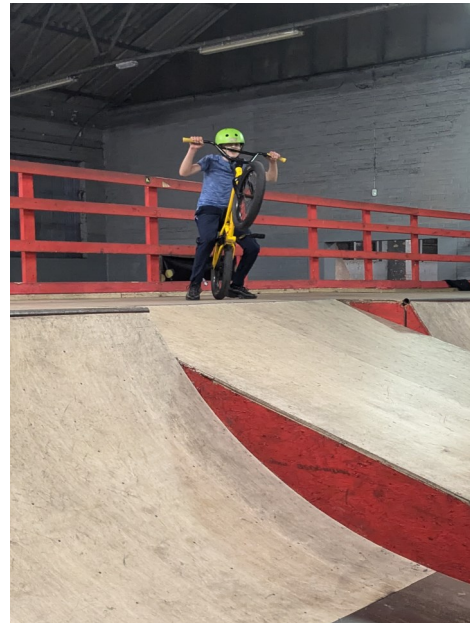
Bright Sparx

Today, Hope High School invited Dawn Gough from Lancashire fire and rescue services, to deliver the 'Bright Sparx' assembly to the school.

The aim of Bright Sparx is to deliver educational packages that aim to promote safe behaviour and practices during the Bonfire Night period. It focusses on the Firework Code and encourages the children to take the safety messages home to people they live with.

Please find below some information from the assembly.

The behaviour and engagement from the students was amazing.



Rampworx Skatepark is an indoor extreme sports youth facility. They are one of the longest running skatepark, running for over 28 years.

One of our pupils, Paolo, has been going to Rampworx where he does BMX biking. He is loving his new found hobby. This is helping Paolo's wellbeing and fitness and he is making friends there also.



November



We created some clay and paper poppies in art, and various students were chosen to visit two memorials in Skelmersdale, to pay respects, and place the art on them.



In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place: and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high,
 If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders' Fields.



November

We took some students on an art trip to Yorkshire Sculpture park. They had a fantastic time exploring the Autumn landscape, and seeing some work from famous sculptors. It was lovely to see them engaging in artistic conversations, and creating observational sketches. We also had some map reading from a year 8 student who helped us navigate our way around the park!



Our new Year 10 bronze group have started their volunteering section, with litter picking in the local area around the school. They have also been on a number of walks around the Beacon country park, for their physical section of the award, with their last walk being more of a challenge as they have walked across the sand dunes at Formby beach.



Our Silver group have started the year by helping to maintain the forest school area, by chopping back branches and clearing pathways for the younger pupils in the school. They have also looked to keep up their fitness from last year with walks at Ruff woods, the Beacon country park and also a visit to Formby Beach and woods.



November

As part of an ongoing Christmas project, Mrs. Gillies's classes have been making individual gonk trees using various handcrafting skills. Students learned to sand, measure, drill, and paint their projects. Some of these final pieces have been gifted to their families and friends, while the remaining ones will be sold at the Christmas fayre. Keep an eye out for these unique creations, which you can own for a small donation.



Since September, our students have been learning sewing machine skills and have been introduced to kite flying. They had the chance to understand how to manufacture a product using ripstop nylon. With Mrs. Gillies' support, they sewed their own kites and learned to handle the sewing machine safely. In the coming weeks, many more students will be flying their personalised kites."

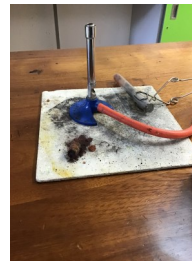
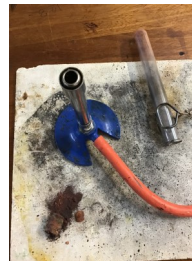
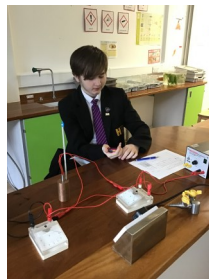
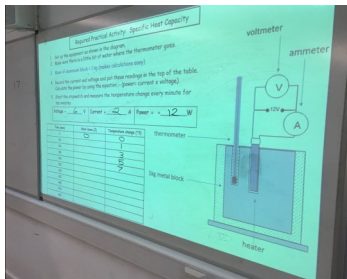


November



Our Year 11's were calculating the specific heat capacity of copper (a GCSE required practical). They could see that the energy and temperature changed. They made a note of the final temperature change.

Here, our pupils were smelting, obtaining copper from copper ore by burning it with carbon. Carbon is a non-metal but it is more reactive than some metals. This means that some metals can be extracted from their metal oxides using carbon. This works for zinc, iron, tin, lead and copper. Our pupils really enjoyed this practical!



In November, we held an Anti-Bullying Week wherein we demonstrated our commitment to promoting kindness and inclusion, we encouraged all of our students to wear *odd socks* this week. This simple gesture was a fun and creative way to highlight the importance of embracing differences and standing up against bullying.



On Pudsey Day, we had a non-uniform day and had some exciting events to raise funds and awareness for *Children in Need* which included a football match, dodgeball tournament and cooking event!

Our pupils had a great day and raised a brilliant £55.00!

December



Exciting times in our Design Technology classes! Our students are exploring tie-dyeing, and the creativity is flowing. Mrs. Gillies has shared some stunning pieces of artwork already. Over the past few weeks, students have been producing unique samples using cotton, elastics, and dyes. They're even encouraged to bring garments to personalize! If time permits, look out for our tie-dyed tote bags at the Christmas Fayre.

Don't miss the 'Proud Every Day Walls' in their form rooms when you next visit us. Special shoutout to Miss Kelly for showcasing our students' work every week on the 'Proud Friday' wall.



Students in Design Technology lessons have been busy creating various products, including Mrs. Gillies' charming snowmen, which are ready for the school Christmas Fayre! The idea originated from an old gate that she wanted to repurpose. The students and staff painted, stencilled their cute faces, and added a little accessory to each snowman. We have a limited number available, so be quick!



December

'This term the students in Year 7 have started having two forest school afternoons a week! During these sessions we have been working on bushcraft skills such as; fires, tool work and shelter building. In addition to this they have been working on communication and team building.'

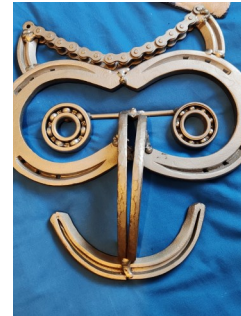


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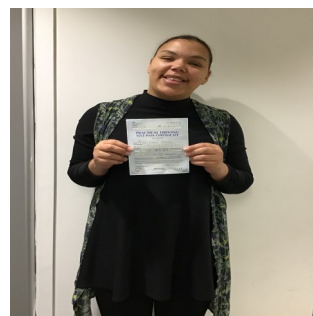
Manchester Markets

We began December with an Enrichment trip to Manchester City Centre.

The visit included exploring Manchester Christmas Markets, local shops, and other attractions. Our Children thoroughly enjoyed this experience.



Christopher, our Year 10 student, has been attending 4tech Motors. Whilst Christopher has been attending, he has made an owl out of scrap metal pieces using horse shoes, ball bearings, metal rods and a linked chain. During the process of making the owl, Christopher sourced the scrap metal pieces, cleaned them up, he then sandblasted them to strip them of any paint and rust. Christopher then placed the parts together to give him the shape of the owl. Then, Christopher welded them together using a mig welder. Once the parts were welded together, Christopher then let it cool down and



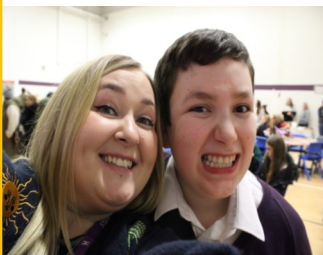
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JUST PASSED

Miss Nock has recently passed her driving test! She managed to pass FIRST time! Well done, we are all very proud of your achievement!

December

Hope High School Christmas Fayre 2024

We would like to thank everybody who came to our 2024 Christmas Fayre. It was a real success. It was lovely seeing lots of people having a nice time. The feedback we had about our fayre was touching and we are really glad it was enjoyed by many. We had lots of fabulous stalls selling items, some of which our fantastic pupils had made and some items which members of the community brought in to sell. Our children sang, danced and played games, they had a ball! We would like to thank those who donated amazing tombola and stall items. We raised an astonishing **£814!!** The funds raised contribute towards school trips throughout the year and helps buy resources for school.



December

We're Going to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo

On Wednesday 18th December 2024 our whole school thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Chester Zoo. To say that we are super proud of our children would be an understatement. Well done to everyone for such a positive day., there were amazing. They all represented our school extremely well.



For any further help and support, or to speak with a professional regarding any safeguarding concerns please contact any of the services below:

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

Up and coming....

December

17th December—Christmas Fayre

18th December—Chester Zoo Trip

19th December—Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day

20th December—School Closure 12.30pm

Spring Term

January

6th January—School reopens

7th & 8th January—Functional Skills exams

14th January - Art Trip, Manchester, Y11's

21st January—Year 9's Immunisations

February

14th February—School closes

24th February—School Reopens

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.

