

# End of year BBQ!!



School Barbecue for pupils, staff, family and friends

On Thursday 13th July, the school opened its doors to family and friends to come and enjoy the traditional summer barbecue; record numbers of parents and carers attended the event and enjoyed the wonderful weather, the food and the activities organised by Mr Tracey. School based activities such as archery and mountain biking were enjoyed, while The Military School put staff and pupils through their intense exercise regime (and an inflatable assault course) and the local police brought their van to show the pupils. The barbecue was a huge success and the atmosphere created by staff and pupils was typified by the tug of war and a massive water bomb battle. Comments from our visitors included;

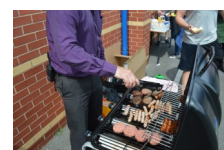
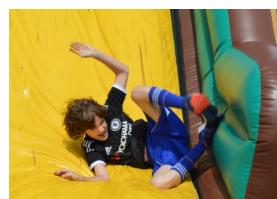
“What an amazing day...well done and thank you everyone” Ann

“Very friendly welcome...great turn out” Nina

“Very welcoming and friendly...lovely friendly staff and students” Emma

“Very pleasant event. Everyone warm and friendly on arrival and throughout” Matt, Educ8 Tutor

“Brilliant afternoon, loved the range of activities, barbecue, cakes and drinks...much appreciated” Mrs M



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## Next academic year at Hope High School

### Accelerated Reader

At Hope High School, we recognise the importance of reading in order to encourage better learning and ultimately, more solid foundations of preparedness for life after school. We wanted to develop a system of rapid improvement in each of our pupils and after extensive research, opted for the Accelerated Reader package.

Each pupil will be accessing the Accelerated Reader scheme in school and will develop their independent reading skills. Evidence from research at schools using the system suggests that if pupils engage with the programme, they will make above expected progress in a shorter period of time.

Each pupil is initially assessed by a simple quiz. This assigns their individual reading age and each pupil will have a selection of books to choose from within their specific age range. Once they have read their book, the pupil will take a short quiz to test their understanding and comprehension. The process continues and each reader will gradually improve their reading skills, acquiring points each time, in addition to improving their vocabulary of words, and subsequent learning potential.

Points are added up each time and rewards are available through the school behaviour system. Pupils will also be in competition with each other to achieve reading points, ultimately leading to further rewards at the end of term.

The team running the Accelerated Reader project is Mrs O’Kane and Mrs Griffiths, and it is based in the Learning Resource Centre.



### BTEC and our Curriculum

As from September 2017 Hope High have decided to introduce BTEC qualifications to our curriculum. The options that keystone 4 can choose from are: Public Services, Construction, Sport and Hospitality and Catering. This is an exciting time for Hope and all our pupils :)

### Website

Our new website is currently being developed by Mr Gary Harrison. All parents will be able to access the page and get up to date information regarding the school and any activities or important dates.

You can find the page by typing in:  
hopehighschool.co.uk



HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Summer Term

# Hope High School Newsletter

## Headteacher Letter



As we reach the end of another academic year at Hope High, I congratulate pupils, staff, carers and parents for the success we have enjoyed. There has been a lot of learning by all pupils over the year; not only in the classroom, but through the many social and outdoor activities all pupils take part in such as Forest school and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme.

Recently a group of pupils have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award and they should be immensely proud of their achievement. The award recognises the development of important life and social skills which the pupils have developed and demonstrated during their participation and will inspire the pursuit of further success.

Over the year the school has continued to grow; pupil numbers have increased, creating a positive and vibrant school atmosphere and many new members of staff have joined the team, bringing their own unique range of experiences and skills.

Our year 11 pupils will be leaving us with a host of qualifications and experiences and all are well prepared for their next stage of learning or training, I hope each of you will keep in touch.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work throughout the year. They work above and beyond to support the school with its achievements! I would like to thank all our fantastic children who attend Hope High School, they have made amazing progress due to the continuous effort that they put in on a daily basis.

I thank you all for your continued support and look forward to the new school year in September. I hope you all enjoyed the fabulous BBQ afternoon! Stay safe over the summer holidays!

Helen Dunbavin

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### Quotations from OFSTED:

- “Leadership is Robust”
- “The behaviour and attitudes of pupils are good”
- “Students make good progress in Literacy and Numeracy”

## Our Governing Body

At Hope High, we have a fantastic Governing Body. Each Governor has a specific role. They all play an important part in the running of the school alongside the Headteacher and all staff.

- Chair: Mike Forshaw
- Vice chair: Richard Farbon
- Helen Dunbavin: Headteacher
- Lucy O’Kane: staff
- Bill Hodgson: Co opted
- Mark Miller: Co opted
- John Irwing: Parent
- Tracey Irwing: Parent





# The year so far at Hope High School

## Introducing our new Deputy Head, Mr Dan Hames

Mr Hames joined Hope High back in October last year. He is no stranger to Hope High School as Mr Hames was our English teacher just over 6 years ago. It was great to welcome Mr Hames back and to work along side him again. Mr Hames has had a massive impact on our school already and the pupils love him!

"It's great to be back here again working with Mrs Dunbavin. Hope High is such a positive school with wonderful staff who genuinely care about the children. It's a great place and I look forward to a bright future here". Mr Hames



### Our Pastoral Team

- Mr Downes
- Mr Harrison
- Mr Eckersley
- Mr Szwandt

"The pastoral team was introduced this school year and has had a beneficial impact across the school. We aim to identify any concerns or issues that a pupil may be facing at the earliest opportunity. By addressing such concerns or issues, we feel that any barriers to pupils learning will be reduced. We pride ourselves on getting to know our pupils well. By responding quickly to any issues and discussing them with all parties involved we aim to resolve matters in the most positive manner."

# Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

This year Hope High school has become a Duke of Edinburgh Award Centre. The year ten pupils have just finished their final expedition for the bronze award. The students have completed the four sections: Volunteering, skill, physical and both practice and final expedition. It has been a huge success and the staffs at Hope High are all very proud of all the students' team work and determination. The students were also commended by members of the public and the staff at Formby, a national trust site on their great efforts completing the volunteering section.

From all the staff, well done lads keep it going for next year!

### Students involved

- James Eastwood
- Kieran Prickett
- Felix Murphy
- Reece Manson
- Jack Walls
- Liam Jones
- Tyler Livesly
- Kyran Doyle
- Tom Taylor

### Staff involved

- Mr Eckersley
- Mr Szwandt
- Miss Thompson



## Forest School

In Forest school this year, pupils have learnt how to safely light and maintain a fire. After demonstrating their ability in an assessment, some pupils have had the chance to cook over the fire.

Pupils have also gained knowledge of the different types of trees and the uses of these trees. Pupils will now have the chance to further develop their knowledge as we prepare to move to a different site in September. We will be concentrating on shelter building and also learning how to use woodland tools safely.



## Climbing Wall

Quite a few of our staff team have had training on the climbing wall. We have now been able to re-introduce the option of climbing to our ASDAN days! Calem Cain looks ready to scramble up the wall like spiderman!!

