

Head Teacher's Report for Governors

Summer 2025

Part 2 – Highlights from the Summer Term 2025

Blacon High School – More Than a School

The ethos of our school is one of ambition, excellence and high expectation

WE BELIEVE EVERYONE CAN ACHIEVE

BLACON HIGH SCHOOL
ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

VALUES
Respect
Relationships
Resilience

AIM
To prepare every young person for success

MISSION
To inspire students to love and enjoy learning through a thinking curriculum

MORE THAN A SCHOOL

Art and Technology

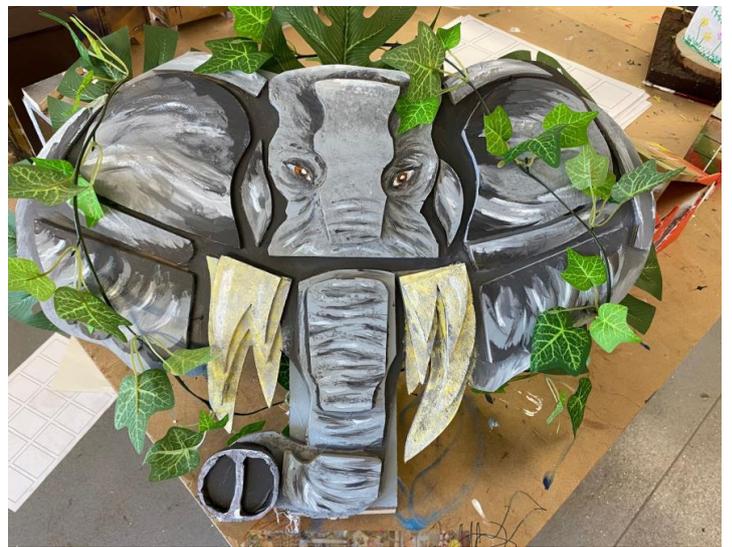
GCSE Practical Exams

This term our year 11 Art, Graphics and 3-D students took part in their practical exams. They worked brilliantly over the 10 hours and produced some fantastic outcomes.

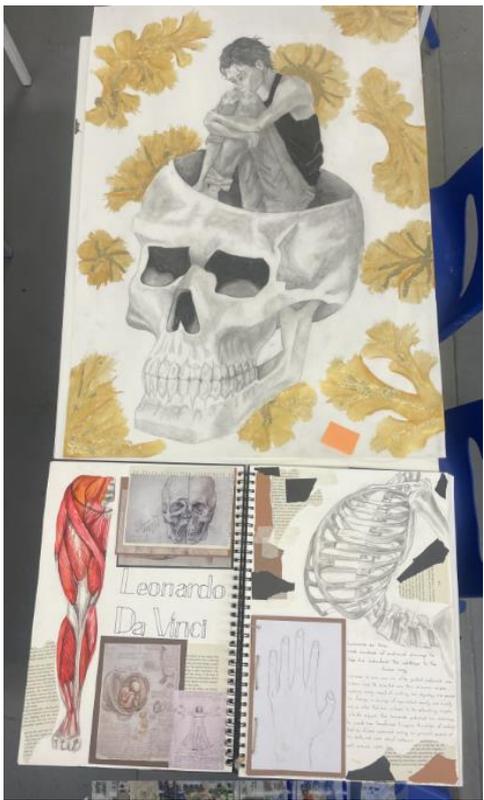
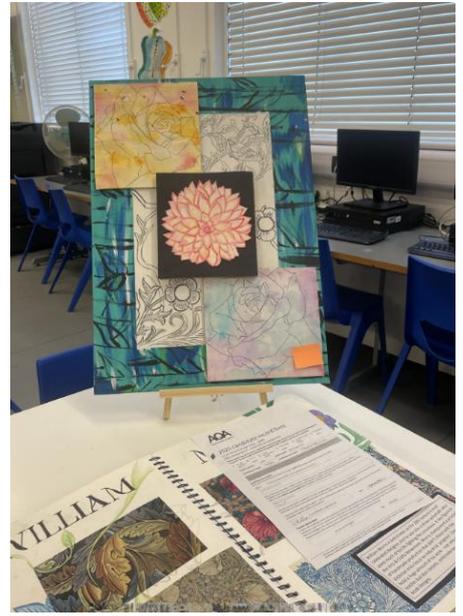
On 10th July 2025 we will be exhibiting all of their fantastic work with food served by year 10 Hospitality and catering students.

A selection of coursework and exam pieces have been displayed and were moderated last week with excellent feedback. Art continues to be one of our top performing departments in school.

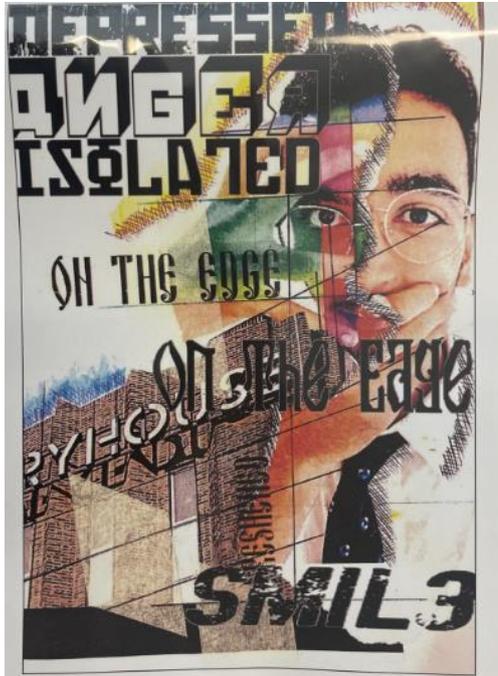
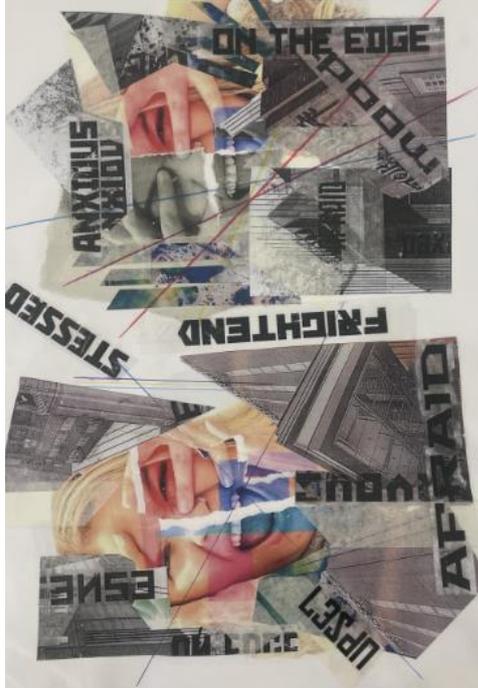
3-D



Art



Graphics





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ART & TECHNOLOGY GCSE SHOWCASE

Celebrating the work of our Art,
Graphics & Product design groups.

A Selection of canapés
created by our GCSE hospitality &
Catering students will be
available on the night.

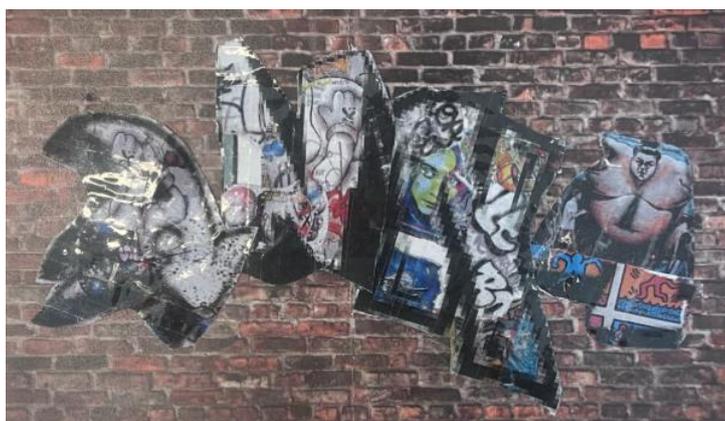
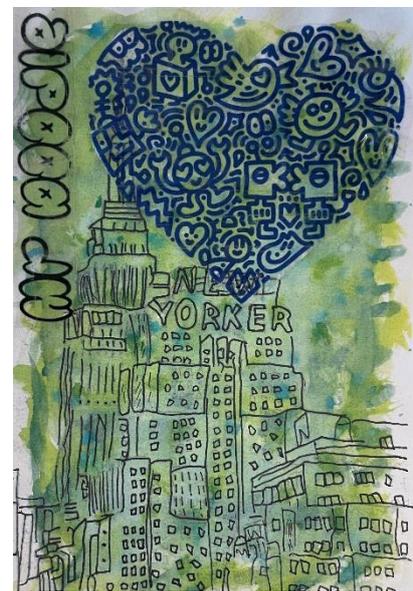
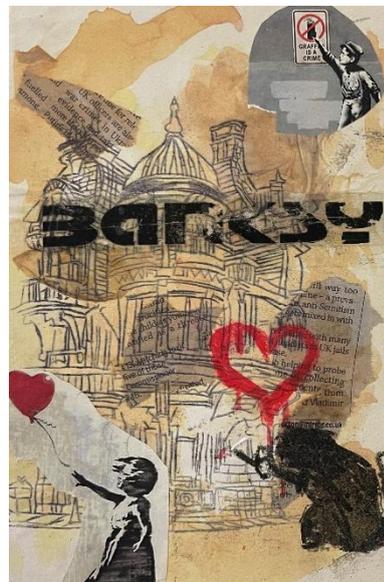
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4PM-6PM

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Year 9 Art

Year 9 Art have been exploring Urban landscapes and introducing street art into their architecture work from earlier in the year. Their outcomes are superb. Some have also begun to refine their work further using Photoshop.



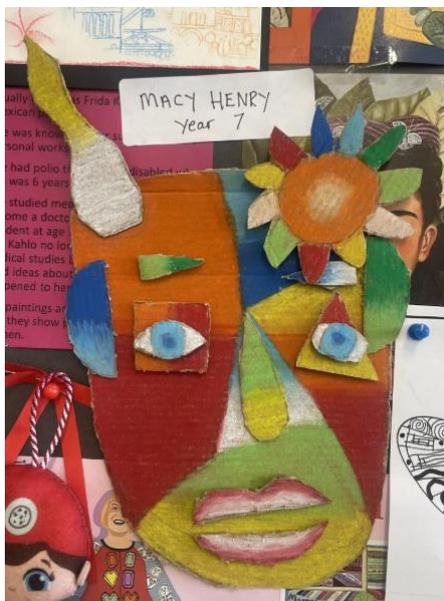
Year 8 Art

Year 8 have been designing air pod cases and logos for music company 'Amplify'. They have explored the work of artists and designers such as Keith Haring, Super mundane and Mike Perry. They have really enjoyed this project and it shows in their outcomes.



Year 7 Art

Year 7 have created cardboard cubist masks to conclude their 2nd project of the year.



Cadets – CCF – Combined Cadet Force

This term our Cadets have been on a weekend stay to Fox barracks, where they participated in completing their weapons handling tests, firing range on the DCCT (indoor firing range) and a number of field craft activities. These tasks were all completed in preparation for our Cadets annual camp at Altcar military base, which will be on 12/07/25 for a week. On 23/06/25 some of our Cadets were invited to the flag raising ceremony at Chester town hall, where they met the Lord Mayor of Chester.



Chester School Sport Partnership

School Games Organisers Claire Smedley and Elizabeth Newstead are based at Blacon High School which is the host site of Chester School Sport Partnership and they organise events and initiatives which are part of the Youth Sport Trust School Games Programme, funded through Sport England.

Membership

We have 34 schools (primary and special) join the Chester School Sport Partnership this year where we deliver programmes which are not part of the national remit.

Competitions

County wide this year, competitions this year have been split into three categories. This is to help to provide opportunities for all children to take part and enjoy sporting events.

1. **Celebrate** for children who are new to the sport and / or the least active.
2. **Aspire** for children who are not very competitive but like taking part in sport.
3. **Inspire** for children who are sporty and competitive.

Year 3 and 4 Diamond Cricket

On Wednesday 23rd April Boughton Hall Cricket Club hosted our year 3 and 4 Diamond Cricket. We had 9 schools in total attend the event, with 88 children enjoying learning the sport. The teachers bowled during the games, and now they can take the game back onto the school field so that more children can enjoy the sport. Tom from Cheshire Cricket ran the event and said that all the children had an amazing time.

This was an ASPIRE event.



Year 3 and 4 and Inclusive Golf

On Thursday 1st May, Vicars Cross Golf Club hosted our Tri Golf festivals. Here 178 children from 19 school teams took part in the Tri Golf activities. They rotated around a number of different chipping and putting stations. The festival was an opportunity for the children to try golf in a fun and relaxed environment. Many had never tried golf before or been to a golf course.

This was an ASPIRE and CELEBRATE event.



Year 3 and 6 Mini Red Competition and Inclusive Tennis Festival

On 7th May Hoole Tennis Club hosted the Year 3 and 4 Mini Red competition and the Inclusive Primary Skills Festival. Five schools and 34 children took part in the primary skills festival where the children rotated around a series of skills stations.

The challenges are designed to build the confidence of pupils in a fun and motivational way which will, over time build their competence. The children all had lovely beaming faces as they learned new skills in the glorious sunshine. The Mini Red competition had 12 teams and 48 children take part in girls and boys competitions. Scores from all matches were added together to get the overall winning school. We had some very close matches on the tennis courts with Mickle Trafford winning overall and Waverton coming in a close second place.



Year 5 and 6 Dynamos Cricket

On Wednesday 21st May Boughton Hall Cricket Club hosted the Year 5&6 Girls and Mixed B Team Dynamos Cricket competitions. In total we had 7 schools and 62 children take part in the glorious sunshine. The B event was a fun non-scoring festival where children learned the skills of cricket with the help of Tom and Amy from Cheshire Cricket. Winning the girls event were St Martins Academy who have been invited to attend the county final in Warrington in July.



On Monday 9th June, Boughton Hall hosted the A team Dynamos Cricket competition. Six schools and 56 children took part in this competitive event. Tarvin Primary School won the event, with St

Martins in second place where both teams have been invited to the county final in July.

This was a INSPIRE and ASPIRE event.

Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football Festival – Blacon High School Leaders supporting

Blacon High School hosted the year 5 and 6 girl's football festival on Wednesday 18th June. This event was for girls who are new to football or those that are not in the school A team. We had 7 schools and 63 children take part. It was lovely to see the players grow in confidence throughout the event.

Leaders from Blacon High School refereed the matches. Five of the leaders were girls who were referring as part of the FA Girls Football Partnership Go Lead Programme.

Over the course of six weeks, the girls learned skills on how to be a referee and put them into practice when refereeing matches at the Primary Girls' Football Festival, held at Blacon High School. The girls all received the Youth Sport Award and were presented with a certificate, T-Shirt, Hoodie, a whistle and stationery items in recognition of their involvement.

This festival was the last part of their Go Lead course, and they were great.



School Games Mark

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

The following schools have achieved the award so far this year. A full list will be on the next report due to the closing date being 30th July.

Blacon High School – Gold Award

Guilden Sutton Primary School
Grosvenor Park Academy
Saighton Primary School
Mickle Trafford Village School
The Arches Primary School
St Theresa's Catholic Primary School
Boughton Heath Academy
Bunbury Aldersey Primary School
Dorin Park School
Dodleston Primary School
Tattenall Park Primary School
Bishop Heber High School

To achieve the Gold Mark, we have met the following criteria:

- Delivering 30 active minutes for 50% of the school population and we are tracking their 30-minute take-up (or not) beyond school.
- We are aware of the least active pupils and have planned provision to target and increase their regular daily physical activity levels.
- The extra-curricular offer provides equal opportunities for young people regardless of gender.
- We have in place a CPD plan which aligns to staff needs in terms of their confidence and competence to include all young people in the offer.
- We adopt a physical literacy informed approach to our offer e.g. understanding the thoughts, feelings and experiences of our young people.
- We consistently create participation experiences that focus on how pupils move, connect, think and feel, helping them understand and develop their own relationship with movement and physical activity to find value, enjoyment and meaning.
- We share with all parents, competition intent and ask the same of other external providers engaging and delivering within with the school.
- We have a formal structure to engage young people through Sports Leaders, School Games Crews or Committees and use them to support our offer.
- Our physical education curriculum offer provide equal opportunities for young people regardless of gender.
- We have identified those young people that would benefit most from some transition support.

Music Department - Summer Term 2025

We are pleased to report that we received highly positive feedback from the BTEC Moderator regarding the Year 10 cohort's first assessed Component and Year 11's second Component for the BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice. The moderator praised the accuracy of our marking, the

robustness of our assessment processes, and the efficient administration of both components. No adjustments to marks were required. The Year 10 and Year 11 students achieved excellent results, reflecting their strong commitment and the high standards upheld in delivering this demanding course.

KS3 pupils have been actively developing their musical skills this term through a range of engaging projects. Year 7 students have been exploring music from around the world, with a particular focus on improvisation techniques. Year 8 have been working on a Film Music project, enhancing their composition skills. Meanwhile, Year 9 students have been developing their ensemble and performance abilities through the 'Battle of the Bands' project, which encourages collaboration and creativity.

Members of the school choir and band recently represented the school with pride, performing at the Year 11 Record of Achievement (ROA) evening. In recognition of their dedication and commitment to the music department, they will be rewarded with a trip to the Llangollen International Eisteddfod on Wednesday 9th July.

We are delighted to share that KS3 student Evelyn, a talented singer and musician, has secured a leading role as one of the orphans 'Kate' in *Annie* with Tip Top Productions. The performance will take place at Storyhouse from Wednesday 16th to Saturday 20th July. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Evelyn's hard work and dedication to the arts, following in the footsteps of Miss McHale who was also a regular member of Tip Productions shows in her youth.

Chester Schools Together

Chester Schools Together (CST) is a collaborative partnership comprising The King's School, Bishops' Blue Coat CofE High School, Catholic High School, Chester Upton High School, and Queens Park High School. The partnership is committed to providing students with enriching learning opportunities beyond the standard curriculum, fostering collaboration and cultural development across the member schools.

Miss McHale (Head of Music) also serves as the Blacon High School Lead for CST and is responsible for organising regular partnership events throughout the academic year. These events are fully funded by the Westminster Foundation, ensuring that all students can participate without financial barriers.

We are pleased to share details of some of the recent Chester Schools Together events that Blacon High School students have been fortunate to participate in. These activities have provided valuable opportunities for collaboration, skill development, and cultural enrichment beyond the regular curriculum:

Chess Tournament

Mr Green took members of the Chess Club to Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School, who hosted the first-ever Inter-Schools Chess Tournament on Thursday 24th April 2025, welcoming young chess players from across Chester.

Working in collaboration with the Chester Schools Together partnership, the tournament brought together students from six schools: Blacon High School, Queen's Park High School, Upton-by-Chester High School, The King's School Chester, The Catholic High School, and The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School.

Students from Years 7, 8 and 10 competed in five rounds of chess, resulting in 31 matches played. Trophies and chess sets were awarded to the overall winner, runner-up and the most outstanding player. All 32 participants received certificates recognising their efforts and sportsmanship.

Winners on the day included:

- Haydn (Blacon High School) – Tournament Winner
- Elliot (The King's School) – Runner-up
- Herbie (Queen's Park High School) – Most Outstanding Player



The tournament was accompanied by welcome speeches from Bishops' student leaders, as well as art, origami and chess-themed activity stalls. The atmosphere was one of friendly competition and mutual respect, with students forming new friendships and showcasing their strategic thinking.

Please see the link below for the Chess Tournament publication from the Chester Standard.

<https://www.chesterstandard.co.uk/news/25225301.chess-tournament-praised-creating-inter-school-community/>

Pre - Exam Stress Workshop

On Saturday 26th April, selected members of KS4 attended a Pre-Exam Stress Workshop hosted at Queen's Park High School. The event was designed to support student wellbeing during the exam period by offering practical, creative and therapeutic strategies to manage stress.

The workshop included a range of sessions aimed at promoting relaxation and mental resilience:

- Cookery Masterclass – focusing on mindful cooking as a form of stress relief
- Art Therapy – encouraging self-expression through creative activities
- Mindfulness Yoga – providing techniques to calm the body and mind
- Rage Room Experience – a controlled plate-smashing activity to safely release built-up tension

The students engaged fully with all aspects of the workshops, representing Blacon High School with maturity and enthusiasm. Their excellent conduct was recognised in a follow-up message from Matt Yeoman, Assistant Headteacher at Queen’s Park High School:

“I just wanted to say what an absolute credit your students are to you and Blacon High. Their engagement and enthusiasm on Saturday was exceptional and all were great fun to work with.”

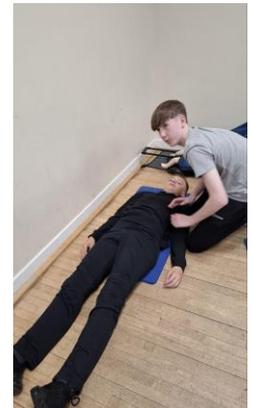


This experience not only supported students' emotional wellbeing but also reinforced positive relationships between local schools through shared pastoral initiatives.

National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ)

Charlie and Jamie, two of our Year 11 pupils, were selected to participate in the Royal Life Saving Society’s National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ) course, delivered as part of the Chester Schools Together Partnership.

The intensive course took place at Christleton Sports Centre from Tuesday 27th May to Sunday 1st June, running daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Both pupils demonstrated excellent commitment by attending every session throughout their half term holidays and successfully completing the course requirements.



As a result, they are now fully qualified lifeguards, having gained a nationally recognised certification that enhances their personal development and future career prospects. This qualification also carries 8 UCAS Tariff points, providing additional benefit for higher education applications.

The school is proud of their achievement and grateful for the opportunity provided through the Chester Schools Together Partnership.

Rowing Regatta

On Sunday 8th June, Miss McHale, Mrs Carr and Mrs Wright joined the Year 8 Rowing team at the River Dee, Sandy Lane, as they proudly represented the school at the historic Chester Regatta. The squad demonstrated outstanding resilience and determination, competing admirably against well-established rowing clubs. We are incredibly proud of the dedication, teamwork and perseverance the pupils have shown throughout their training over the past few months. Their commitment and spirit truly shone on the day. The pupils have attended weekly and bi-weekly training sessions at the King's School Rowing Club, working with specialist Rowing Coaches. The Regatta completed their specialist training. This Rowing project will continue with the next cohort of year 8 pupils from September 2025.



Drama Festival at Storyhouse

Chester Schools Together recently funded and supported a collaborative drama festival held at the Storyhouse Theatre. This exciting event brought together students from schools across Chester to showcase their performance work developed in school. In addition to sharing individual pieces, students also had the unique opportunity to collaborate on a devised ensemble performance, celebrating creativity, teamwork, and the performing arts. The festival, held on Monday 30th June, was a powerful demonstration of the talent and dedication of young performers across the city and the value of cross-school collaboration in the arts.

Food

Y11 Catering students



Level 1/2 Hospitality and Catering students have been working hard to complete their final coursework, which involved planning, preparing, and cooking a two-course meal within a three-hour time limit. This task tested their practical skills, time management, and ability to work under pressure. Students demonstrated a range of techniques as they produced a starter and main, or a main and dessert, with attention to presentation and hygiene. The activity gave them the opportunity to showcase what they have learned throughout the course and apply their knowledge in a realistic, professional setting.

Year 10 Catering Students

Year 10 Catering students have been focusing on developing their understanding of what it's like to work in the catering industry. Through a combination of theory and practical lessons, they have explored key roles and responsibilities within professional kitchens, as well as the importance of teamwork, communication, and food safety. They have also looked at different types of catering establishments and the skills needed to succeed in a fast-paced, customer-focused environment. This foundation is helping to prepare them for further study and future opportunities in the hospitality and catering sector.



Camps International Visit to Kenya

We are proud to report that a student in Year 10 and a former student from last year, have successfully raised £4500 to go on an expedition to Kenya with Camps International, departing on the 14th July. The students have worked incredibly hard to raise the money, completely independently and we look forward to hearing of their adventures when they return.

Year 8 Students supporting Transition

It was a pleasure to have breakfast with our Year 8 students who have supported transition visits with Miss Beyer and the pastoral team this term. The students have been superb ambassadors for the school and helped to settle our Year 6 students in need of some enhanced transition. Mrs Walton, our school improvement partner was able to join in the Head's breakfast this week, as a way of saying thank you to this amazing group of young people.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Training Sessions

In preparation for their upcoming Bronze expedition, a series of after-school training sessions have been held for our Duke of Edinburgh Award participants. These sessions have given students the opportunity to build key skills, such as map reading, route planning, first aid, and setting up camp equipment.

Students have shown great commitment and teamwork, attending regularly and supporting one another throughout the sessions. The training has helped boost their confidence and ensured they are well prepared for the challenges of the expedition ahead.

It's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm grow each week, and we look forward to seeing them put their skills into practice during the expedition at the end of term.



KS3 Product Design

In Key Stage 3 Product Design, students explore creativity and practical skills through hands-on projects such as making a lantern and a bug house. These activities help pupils develop key design and technology principles, including planning, measuring, marking out, cutting, joining, and finishing a range of materials like wood and acrylic. The bug house encourages sustainable thinking and understanding of natural habitats. Both projects promote problem-solving, teamwork, and

independent thinking, giving students the chance to design purposeful and functional products that they can take pride in.



Maths

Year 9 Trip to Chester Racecourse

A group of Year 9 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to Chester Racecourse with Mr Pedder and Mrs Shannon. The day began with a behind-the-scenes tour of the weighing room, where pupils learned about the importance of weights, measures, and conversions in horse racing. They met professional jockeys, explored the specialist equipment and materials used in the sport, and even got to try on some of the kit.

As part of the visit, pupils also took part in a careers workshop, discovering the wide range of roles available within the racing industry – from veterinary care and training to hospitality, media, and grounds keeping.

The group watched three thrilling races and proudly took part in the prestigious Chester Cup parade. It was a fantastic day that combined real-world learning with unforgettable experiences, and the pupils represented the school brilliantly throughout.



Year 6 Maths Enrichment Transition Project

As part of our ongoing work to strengthen mathematical transition from primary to secondary school, the Maths department has delivered a targeted enrichment programme for local Year 6 pupils. This initiative is linked to our involvement in the Maths Mastery partnership with the University of Chester and aims to reduce the well-documented dip in attainment and confidence between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3.

Overview of the Project

Rhiannon Price, our Key Stage 3 Maths Coordinator, has visited all feeder primary schools and taught two lessons in every Year 6 class. These sessions introduced pupils to key concepts of algebraic thinking and variables, which are foundational to the first unit taught in Year 7. This gave pupils an early taste of secondary-level maths, helping to build confidence and reduce anxiety around the subject.

Enrichment Events

The final stage of the programme took place at Blacon High School on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June. Year 6 pupils from JH Godwin, St Teresa's and Dee Point were invited into school for a dedicated enrichment morning held in the Bistro space. These sessions involved collaborative mathematical challenges designed to build resilience and curiosity in a supportive environment.

Impact and Purpose

- Pupils became familiar with Blacon High School, the Maths team, and the physical environment they will encounter in September
- The activities directly link to the start of the Year 7 curriculum, creating a smoother academic transition
- The sessions were designed to boost mathematical confidence and enjoyment ahead of secondary school
- This project has run in parallel with similar programmes at other local schools such as Queen's Park High and The Lache Primary School

Staffing

- Led and organised by Miss Price, KS3 Co-ordinator in Maths
- Supported by Mr Downie, Mr Slade, Sally Bamber (University of Chester), Year 6 teachers and TAs
- Student volunteers now in Year 12 who are former Blacon High School students: Georgie, Grace, Honey, Nia and Brooke

This project reflects our commitment to curriculum continuity, transition support, and strengthening relationships with our primary partners.



Year 9 Learning outside the Classroom opportunities

Several Year 9 classes had the opportunity to explore the topic of speed, distance and time through practical, outdoor learning. Pupils took part in short races, recorded their own times, and then applied mathematical methods to calculate average speeds. This active approach helped to embed key concepts in a memorable and engaging way.



The Blacon High School Great Big School Clean

Over two days, students from Years 7 and 8, followed by Years 9 and 10, took part in a school-wide litter pick to help improve our school environment. A large number of students volunteered, collecting litter from across the school grounds. The event was organised by Mrs Hughes from the science department.

This event was part of a national initiative run by *Keep Britain Tidy*, encouraging people to take action and #LoveWhereYouLive. Our aim was to raise awareness of how much litter can accumulate and to encourage everyone to take greater pride in keeping our surroundings clean and tidy.



The effort was met with positive feedback from both students and members of the local community, who praised the students' enthusiasm and teamwork. It was a great example of our school community coming together to make a difference.





Schools Takeover Day Chester Zoo

Mrs Hughes from the science department took six Year 7 students to Chester Zoo for their **Schools Takeover Day**. The students were winners of a poster competition on protecting our local environment. The children proudly displayed their posters, shared insights from our recent litter-pick event, and presented ideas for preserving our local habitats.

Over the course of the day, the students confidently delivered their messages to around 100 members of the public. They received warm praise from visitors who were impressed by their posters, their understanding of environmental issues, and their passion for future action. The students raised awareness about litter, conservation, and community action and were outstanding ambassadors for the school.





Science STEM workshop with Year 8

The Science department arranged a careers in STEM workshop for our Year 8 pupils this term. Both x1 and x2 had a full hour sessions with our external provider and supported by Mr Gordon. The external provider from Everfi came in to engage, inform and activate interest in a variety of jobs and careers in the STEM industry. Activities were engaging and stimulated lots of discussion around the types of skills and qualifications required for certain jobs.

The workshop gave pupils a chance to reflect on themselves and their own qualities and skills and how they can build on these in the future. Our pupils engaged really well throughout and came across as great ambassadors for the school.



PE

Sports Day

For the 2nd year running, sports day will be an inclusive inter school year group tutor competition. On Monday 14th July Students will compete in a range of different sports, with staff awarding and points for students in their tutor groups. Teams will be grouped by PE staff to ensure fair competition, everyone has an opportunity to score points for their form in Dodgeball, Football, Line ball, Rounder's and Athletics. Students in Key stage 3 and 4 have the opportunity to score more points by

taking part in traditional sports day events such as 100m, 30m, Standing long Jump, High Jump, Nerf, Welly Throw, Chest push and Shot Putt.

The winning tutor group with the most points from Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 will win the sports day trophy. Ways to score points for each tutor group:

- Positive attitude towards sport/team
- Good effort in PE lesson
- Being a part of a successful team in the lesson
- Leadership/Organisation points

Athletics

Year 7 and 8 boys and girls teams performed extremely well at the Chester and District Athletics at Deeside. A Year 8 boy won the high jump with a height of 1.33m. A year 9 girl came 3rd in the high jump. A Year 7 girl won her heat and came 6th in the 200m final. Another Year 7 girl came 2nd. A Year 8 boy came 6th in the Discus, another year 8 boy came 4th in the Shot Putt.

In the year 9/10 Chester athletics a year 9 student is the Chester Year 9 High Jump Champion 1.53m, a student came 5th in the year 10 event. Another student is the Chester Inters Discus champion. One came 3rd in the Discus for year 10 girls. Two came 2nd in the Shot putt. A student was 2nd in year 9 Javelin and another came 5th with his Javelin throw. The year 10 boy relay team came 6th in the final but .The PE department aim for more improvements next year with full boys and girls teams competing against Chester Schools in Athletics.

Cricket

The Crash 'N' Bash Cricket season started for our under 13 and under 15 cricket teams. The U13 team lost to Queens Park by 12 runs (40/3) with two students scoring 10 each with the bat. U15 won by 8 runs, scoring over 15 on the bat, our bowler bowled 4 excellent wickets. We have played two games against Bishops High. U15 won by 10 runs with one student retiring on the bat with 24, another bowler bowled 2 beautiful wickets. The U13 won their game by 20. Catholic High have no teams this season meaning the U15 Blacon team won the Section B division. Year 7 and year 8 team played Abbey Gate College in friendly games and unfortunately lost both.

Softball

The U13 boys team played their first ever game against Queens Park High School in a 4 innings match. A superb fielding performance. Our batting was too strong, with big hits and impressive home runs to win the game.

Rounders

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 have had friendlies against Upton, Bishops and Queens Park. We entered 4 tournaments and came top 5 in Chester (10 schools) in all 4 tournaments. Year 8 and 7 girls finished 5th and missed out on the semi-finals by half a rounder. Year 10 played a round robin tournament, fielded really well but lost out in the semi-finals. Year 9 played superbly well, reached the semi-finals

but lost to winners Queens by half a rounder, did our school so proud against fantastic opposition, lost a very close game but always next year.

BEV PE

The PE department hosted the Year 5 and Year 6 Cricket competition which was a huge success with the aim of students playing to showcase their bowling, catching, bating and throwing skills. It was won by St Therasas and Highfield won the Diamond Cricket event. The year 3 and 4 Football in the warm weather was excellent. Year 3 winners were Dee Point and Year 4 winners were Highfield. We have a year 5/6 Rounder's tournament to finish the summer term which will involve KS3 and KS4 leaders to officiate. 16 Year 9 leaders will carry out carousel sports day activities for Chester Bluecoat primary school on 18th June with year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students showing sporting talent on a number of challenges with support off our excellent students.

Chester School Sports Partnership

4 Year 9 students helped referee a year 3 and 4 Chester primaries football competition at Blacon High with our youth sport trust year 7/8/9 girls football activators supporting the running of the tournament and delivering warm ups to teams before matches.

Chester International Youth Games July 10th – 13th July

Blacon High School have been asked to represent Chester in Chester in the international Youth Games and compete with students from Italy, Germany and France in mixed teams in sports such as Rowing, Dodgeball, Tag Rugby and Rounder's. 8 Year 8/9 students will take part in a weekend full of activities. This will be the 4th year in a row that Blacon will represent Chester in the Youth games.



Year 7 Team Building Assembly



This term, we have been focusing on building relationships and teamwork to develop the community spirit of Year 7. This week, the focus was on a physical activity, one representative from each tutor attempted to throw five balls into a bucket. Each tutor group was given points for where they placed. The students are trying to gain points/achievement points for team prizes. Purple won today and have won 10 minutes extra lunch for the week. Next week the challenge will be problem solving and the

plan is to continue this into Year 8, due to the positive impact it has had on engagement, behaviour and culture within the year group.

Year 11 Prom

Year 11 celebrated in style at the annual prom, held this year at the Hilton Doubletree, Chester. The evening was a glamorous affair: the students arrived dressed to the nines, enjoyed a three-course dinner and dancing in the Abbey Suite, and had a fabulous time with their friends and teachers. The students arrived in style and had a superb evening. Staff at the hotel commented on their impeccable behaviour and strong spirit.





We enjoyed celebrating with students at the Year 11 Record of Achievement evening in June when the Lord Mayor of Chester, Councillor Sherin Akhtar was our Guest of Honour.



We wish the class of 2025 every success and happiness in the future and look forward to celebrating with them when they receive their results in the summer.



As the summer term draws to a close, I would like to thank staff, parents and Governors for their ongoing support and commitment to our wonderful school. We are so proud of all that has been achieved this year. I wish everyone a restful summer and we look forward to returning in September, renewed and ready for the year ahead.

Rachel Hudson - Headteacher