



Newsletter 2- April 2025

Key Dates:

23rd & 24th April - GCSE Art Practical exam

23rd April - China trip parents meeting

25th and 28th April GCSE Photography Exam

Week beginning 28th April - GCSE MFL speaking exams

Week Beginning 12th May - Bikeability

14th May Holocaust Survivor Visit

Week beginning 19th May - Walk to School Week

Week beginning 26th May - Half term

Week beginning 3rd June - Year 9 Reports

Welcome to our second Newsletter. We can't believe that we are already at the end of Term 2 and embarking on the final term of this academic year. There were many highlights to last term including the successful relaunch of Work Experience for Year 10 students and Year 11s successfully completing their final set of mock exams - we now look forward to seeing them start their final GCSE exams. We also enjoyed a range of different SAIL missions across school and the continuation of our Youth Travel Ambassador work.

Year 10 Work Experience: We were proud to see our Year 10 students venture out into the world of work in March. Students had placements in a range of different settings from retail, office based environments, the outdoors and some travelled a little further afield. We received some very positive feedback about the way that our students engaged with this opportunity and a few students already have job offers for the future. We are pleased that this opportunity will now be a regular feature of the Year 10 calendar as part of our unique SAIL Curriculum.

New Staff this term: We have two new members of staff starting at Shevington this term. We would like to welcome Mr Hacking who is taking on the role of KS4 Pastoral Leader. He will be leading the KS4 Pastoral team alongside Mrs Green who will be leading the KS3 Pastoral team. Miss Heaps is also joining us as part of our cover supervisor team. We are pleased to have our own team of cover supervisors who work with students in lessons when required.

Building upgrades: Our work to upgrade the school buildings continued last term, and we have more improvements planned ready for September. Most of the main block corridors, the Science and Geography area and the older parts of the canteen have been repainted and we have new displays on the walls to showcase our school values and the Shevington Big 6.



Thank you again to all the parents that contributed to our school values survey- we will be seeing the 4 values displayed around the whole school by September: Respect- Aspiration, Inclusion and Kindness.

World Book Day: We were thrilled to see so many pupils taking part in our Literary Clue Competition. Well done!



We encourage all pupils to read widely and our library is there to help! Reading really helps to build success.

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Key Dates:

Week beginning
10th June
Year 8
Reports

10th June -
Sports
Studies -
OAA trip

Week beginning
16th June-
Year 10
Mock
Exams &
Year 7
Reports

24th June
Y10 Wigan
and Leigh
Taster Day

26th June
Head-
teacher
Coffee
Morning

30th June -
Y10
Runshaw
College
Taster Day

1st July
War
Museum
Trip

1st July
Y11 Prom
@Kilhey
Court

2nd July
Y6
Transition
Day

Teaching and Learning: Last term our teachers focused on exploring different ways to adapt their teaching and learning strategies to support all learners to become as successful as possible. Your child has probably told you that 'show-me boards' are now a regular feature of lessons as we work together to check for each student's understanding of the knowledge that they are learning. This allows teachers to adapt their teaching in a number of different ways where misconceptions are identified. This is just one of our core teaching and learning strategies as we work together to try to make sure every child is active in the classroom and is engaging successfully in their learning.

KED Inspired: We are pleased to feature in the most recent KED Newsletter. The focus of the bulletin was 'AI in Education.' This is an area we have been working hard on. You can read all about it here. [KED Newsletter 3](#)



Youth Travel Ambassadors (YTA) The YTA are working hard to increase active travel around school and reduce traffic at the gate. You can read more about their work [here](#) as well as finding out some more about other events in school.

Mental Health Ambassadors- A group of students went out and about in Shevington to hide chocolate bars and well-being quotes as part of their ambassador work. Let's see what they plan this term!



Welcome to the Year 7 Cohort for September 2025: At the end of last term we found out about the students who have been offered places at Shevington for September. Once again the school is oversubscribed. Our transition team have already started planning to visit our new students in their primary schools. We have children joining us from 26 different primary schools next year. We look forward to meeting them all during our transition events this term.

Parental Voice Survey - Thank you to the 164 Parents and Carers who responded to last term's parent voice survey. We will share the outcomes later this term and let you know what we have done in response to your suggestions. We would like to ask as many parents and carers as possible to respond to future surveys so that we can ensure that all your opinions are represented in the results.

Thank you for taking the time to read out newsletter.

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What happened last Term?

Some more news updates and information from across the whole school
community - Spring 2025



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What happened with the Mental Health Ambassadors?

On Thursday 27th February we visited Shevington Park to hide chocolate bars with wellbeing quotes attached.



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What happened in the Library?

Spring into Reading



During the Spring term, we continued to develop our “Reading for Pleasure culture”. Research by Literacy Trust announced that “2 out of 3 young people do not like reading!!” Reading has so many positive effects; it is an interest we cannot afford to lose. Reading improves memory, IQ, focus, concentration, sleep and reduces stress/anxiety.



In our library we are constantly changing our displays to encourage a wider range of reading, buying new books, offering both physical books and online reading, fiction and nonfiction. And, we look forward to the better weather when we can take some of our reading sessions outside.

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What happened with the YTA?

The YTA are working hard to increase active travel around school and reduce traffic at the gate

On 7th March we travelled to Manchester to pitch our ideas to get funding to support our work

Key Dates

1st May Dr Bike - pop in Room 35 to book a free repair or bike check!



12- 14th May Y7 and 8 Bikeability.

Invitations were sent in Jan, contact school if you still want to sign up!



We hope to get our bike Library Grant soon & get our bike library up and running to lend bikes to the school community. Thanks for your donations of bikes



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Upcoming events:

- Walk to school week
- Walk & Roll Wednesdays
- School bike shop
- Parking ticket events



What happened in Y7 SAIL?

Year Seven worked hard on their “Changemaker” Mission where they need to become either local or global changemakers.

Lots of the students have been raising money with bake sales, collecting donations and campaigning for their good causes.



Well done
Y7!



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What happened in Y8 SAIL?

Year 8 worked hard on their “Dragons Den” Mission where they had to set up an environmentally friendly company and become innovators.

They had to design a new sustainable or environmentally friendly product and pitch their ideas to a team of Dragons. They did a great job and answered some challenging questions from the Dragons about their pitch and innovations.



Well Done
Y8!



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What happened in Y9 SAIL?

Year 9 are worked hard on their “World of Work” Mission where they need to set up a careers fair for Y7 students.

As a year group they are researching over 40 career sectors and creating stalls with information for the Y7's about jobs in their chosen sector and the training and qualifications needed, salary and other key information.

Stalls must be, informative approachable eye catching and welcoming with clear displays.



Year 7 students enjoyed visiting
the finished fair,

Well Done Y9!



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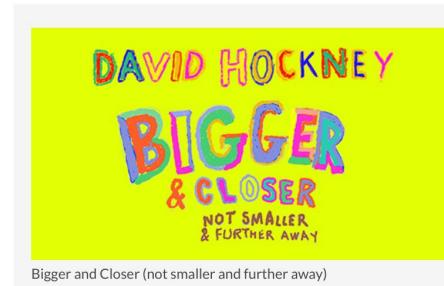
What happened in Art?

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EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS / CURRENT

current / past / upcoming



Bigger and Closer (not smaller and further away)



Art craft club have been working on worry worms to support the mental health of students around school.

Year 8- visited the David Hockney exhibition and Science and Industry museum to support their landscape project.

Year 9- Students developed their sculptural skills in clay and mod roc

Year 10- Students have been experimenting with a range of materials to develop their Waterlife project.

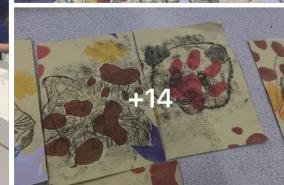
Year 11- Students have researched and photographed their chosen starting point for their external set assignment and beginning to experiment with materials.



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On Tuesday, Year 6 visited [Shevington High School Wigan](#) to complete an Art lesson with Mrs Penman based on our gospel value of tolerance. T... See more



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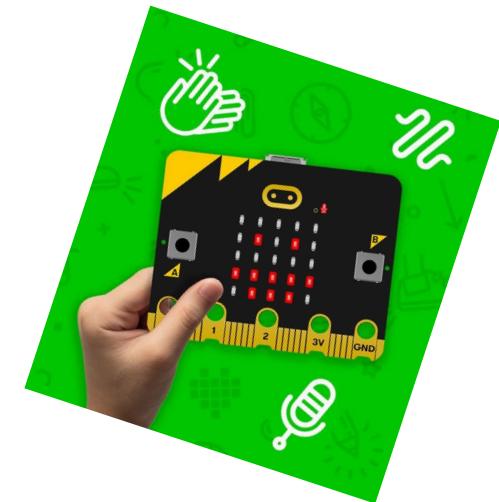
What happened in Computing?



Y7 worked towards designing their own game in Scratch.



Y8 worked with the BBC Micro:Bits.



Y9 worked on computational thinking using real life situations.

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What happened in KS3 Mathematics?

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Year 7 have been working on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and Directed Number.

Year 8 settled into their new maths classes and have also been working on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages along with Standard Index Form.

Year 9 have been studying Maths & Money and looking at taxes, VAT and interpreting bank statements over the half term as well as Transformations.

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Pupils delivered assemblies to Y7 , Y8 and Y9 on the importance of maths and numeracy in everyday life!

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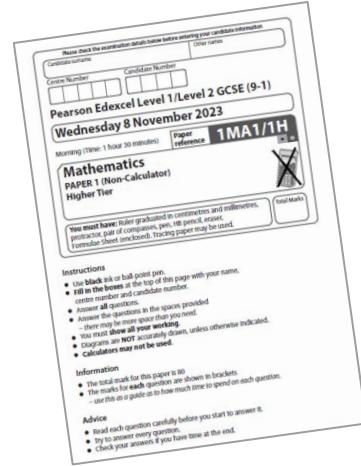


What happened in KS4 Mathematics?

Year 10 studied hard in preparation for their Mid Year assessments.

The faculty will be using this as an opportunity to check for any gaps in learning from earlier in the year and providing extra support before they move into Y11.

Year 11 have completed the GCSE scheme of learning and are now revising key topics in most of their lessons. They have recently completed their mock exam in maths and will be working on key areas as a result of this in the remaining weeks.



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What happened in English?

World Book Day 2025 - Literary Clue Competition Winners!

As part of our week celebrating World Book Day across school, Ms Jones and Ms Bond set out a challenging Literary Clue Competition: students from Years 7-9 had to turn detective and search out clues in classrooms across school to discover 'whodunnit'!

There were a lot of correct entries, so the winners were drawn at random:

1st Prize - Daisy Year 9 - Amazon Voucher

2nd Prize - Rocco Year 9 - sweets and chocolate

3rd Prize - Isla Year 8 - chocolate

A huge well done to our winners and to everyone who took part.

We hope the challenge and the week's focus on reading will inspire all our pupils to keep on 'reading their way'!



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What else happened in English?

Year 7 Term 2b - Debating

This half term, all of Year 7 have been studying 'debating' as their topic in English. This is a vital aspect in the development of their oracy skills, helping to build their confidence speaking in front of an audience and working as part of a team.

Here are some images of small teams participating in a 'mace' style debate on the motion: 'Power always leads to corruption':



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What happened in KS3 Music?

Year 7 finished their 'Indian Raga' topic. Students learnt all about music from India, the instruments, how to play a raga scale and how to improvise. They then created fantastic Indian raga arrangements on Logic.

Year 8 finished their 'Theme and Variation' topic. We used Drunken Sailor as our theme and have learnt how the elements of music can be used to vary a piece of music. We discussed Mozart's 'Theme and Variation', now better known as Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and how he used the elements to change his main theme. Students are now completing an arrangement task on Logic.

Year 9 have been working on a large 'Blues' topic. They have learnt how to play a 12 bar blues chord sequence, walking bass, Hound Dog melody and improvisation. Now they have chosen their bands they are all working on their instrument of choice preparing to perform a 12 bar blues arrangement to their class. This is such a fantastic time of year for year 9. It is amazing watching 170+ pupils all work independently, showing their ability to coach each other, provide feedback, listen to my feedback and ultimately perform on the music room stage to their peers.

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What else happened in Music?

The Year 10 GCSE Music class have just finished their Rhythm and Metre topic. Students now should be revising regularly the following topics; Timbre, Dynamics, Rhythm and Metre.

Friday 4th April is their deadline for their free composition. This is the piece of work they have been working on since January.

The Year 11 class are on the last leg of their music journey. We have looked at one of the three Little Shop of Horrors set works. Once all three have been covered we will begin to recap over the syllabus and address any misconceptions or gaps in their learning to fully prepare them for their exam. They have all been given 5 A3 posters to revise from as well as a handy pocket sized revision booklet. They should also be listening to their set works weekly to ensure they are fully prepared for the exam

The school orchestra recently started two of their new pieces and they are sounding fantastic. Mr Blue Sky and Birdland.

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What happened in Geography?

- In Y7 studied weather and climate and have been measuring the weather across the school grounds.
- In Y8 explored how urbanisation has changed Manchester.
- In Y9 investigated the impacts of climate change in the UK and globally.
- In Y10 have been studying how the UK's economy has changed over time. Looking at the impacts of deindustrialisation.
- Y11 worked hard preparing for their mock exams.

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