

# Penketh High School Christmas Newsletter 2023

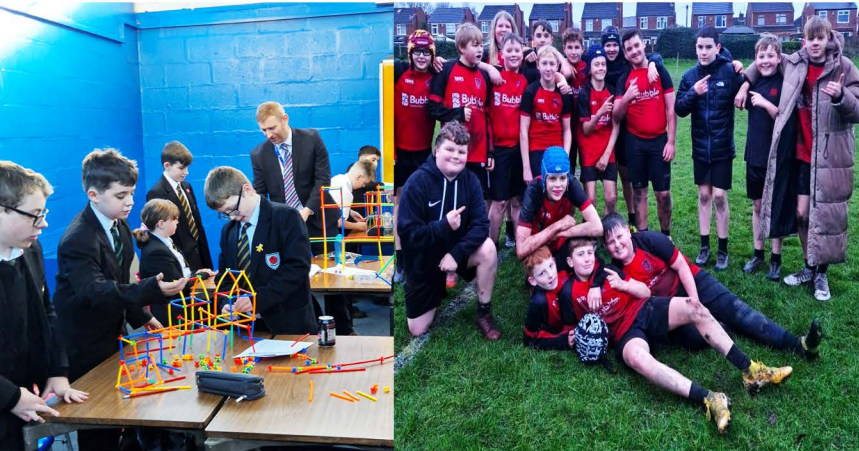


As the final week of this term unfolds, we find ourselves standing at the intersection of reflection and anticipation, ready to bid adieu to another chapter in the academic journey of our vibrant high school community.

The corridors echo with the footsteps of students who have grown both intellectually and personally, and the classrooms bear witness to countless moments of discovery and collaboration.

It is with a sense of pride and gratitude that we present this end-of-term newsletter, a snapshot of the myriad of achievements, challenges overcome, and the collective spirit that defines us as a school.

As we look back on the past few months, we celebrate the resilience, creativity, and tenacity displayed by our students, educators, and staff.



It's so pleasing to be able to reflect on what has been an incredibly positive term at school. We're exceptionally proud of our outstanding young people and all of their individual and collective achievements this term. It's always a joy to hear about their achievements outside of school as much as it is celebrating their achievements in school.

There have been some incredible moments this term and we're delighted to be able to share some of these in our end of term Newsletter. I'd like to wish both you and your families all the very best for the Christmas period and for the year ahead.

**- Mr Carlin, Principal**





## Year 11 Mock GCSE Results Day 2023

In a hall filled with a palpable mix of nervous excitement and eager anticipation, Year 11 pupils eagerly awaited the moment they would receive their GCSE mock exam results.

The pupils, with a mix of hope and anxiety etched on their faces, carefully tore open the envelopes to unveil the fruits of their labour. The atmosphere crackled with a shared sense of anticipation, as friends exchanged encouraging glances and supportive smiles.

In a heartbeat, expressions transformed from uncertainty to elation as the realization dawned: *they had performed exceptionally well in their mock exams.* The students, who had faced the daunting challenge of the GCSE mocks, were now basking in the glow of their hard-earned accomplishments.

The success wasn't just a testament to the students' academic prowess, but also a reflection of their *dedication, resilience, and determination.*



Some of the best performances saw students already hitting their end of Year targets, with a handful of students more than one grade higher in every subject. One student has already beaten end of year targets by more than 2 grades! The Year 11 pupils had not only met but exceeded expectations, proving that hard work, focus, and perseverance could yield remarkable results. The mock exam results serve as a motivational milestone, propelling the students forward with renewed vigour as they approach actual GCSEs.

As the students left the hall today, they carried not only the tangible evidence of their success but also a valuable lesson – *that effort and commitment could pave the way to achievement.* The journey toward the final exams had just begun, but the Year 11 pupils, having tasted success in their mocks, were now equipped with the confidence and belief that they could conquer any academic challenge that lay ahead.

While today was a celebration it also marks the start of the next drive after Christmas to make more improvements

**Massive well done Year 11!**



## Let's Hear From Your Head of Year!

Fantastic start to the year with some incredible individual/team performances. It has been a pleasure to get to know all pupils and see them settle in so quickly across the first HT. Pupils are doing really well in lessons which is reflecting in the number of LS1s. We are also 2nd in the league table out of 5-year groups which is a great start to our whole school competition. I would like to think we could take the edge over year 8 in the new year. Sorry Miss Madden. I want to say a huge thank you to all FTs who have done a brilliant job with their form groups. The work they do is appreciated by me and the pupils so thank you.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break and will see you in the new year.

**Miss Fleming - Head of Year 7**



### Head of Year Pupil Recognition

**Aarya W - Year 7**

Fantastic attitude & effort in lessons. Currently in the top spot for postcards & best learning score average in the year group. Aarya is doing really well in lessons & is an asset to the year group.

**Carina H / Pak Hei W / Lucas OS - Year 8**

For achieving silver on the league table.

**Robbie S - Year 9**

A self-motivated individual who always tries his best in everything he does.

Year 8 have truly demonstrated exceptional dedication and enthusiasm for learning, leaving an indelible mark on their educational journey so far. Getting off to an impressive start with 10,560 learning score 1s, showcasing their commitment to academic excellence, each learner's score is a testament to their hard work and passion for knowledge. Earning 1,874 postcards, a remarkable feat that emphasises the consistent efforts and positive contributions within the school community, these postcards stand as tangible tokens of recognition for their achievements and positive behaviour. Year 8 students enjoyed a well-deserved reward for their hard work with memorable cinema trip, made possible through last year's tokens for trips scheme.

Congratulations to Year 8 for a truly remarkable and inspiring first part of the year! We look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of these exceptional students in the next part of the academic year.

**Miss Madden - Head of Year 8**

Year 9 is a very important time for all pupils as they consider the subjects that they will choose for their GCSEs. The current Year 9 have made a great start to the year and demonstrated a maturity and eagerness to achieve both academically and as individuals. They have led the school in the 'Pillars of Penketh' competition and are frequently praised when out in the community on educational trips and visits.

**Mr Billington - Head of Year 9**



## Let's Hear From Your Head of Year!

I wanted to take the opportunity to comment on what a pleasure it has been to work with Year 10. They have settled into their GCSE studies so well with the majority of the year group showing a real sense of commitment to their future selves and working hard to ensure they achieve future successes. Over the course of the term, we have spoken about building very secure bridges to our GCSES and beyond and I am happy to say that some very solid bridges are now well under way. I know we are only at the end of our first GCSE term (though the time has absolutely flown) but I can already see that some amazing success stories are unfolding. Of course, it also goes without saying that Year 10 would not be the amazing, smart and prepared year group they are without the wonderful support parents and carers give and so I wanted to take this opportunity to not only wish each family a Merry Christmas but to also thank you for your ongoing support. Your children are a real credit to the school and I can't wait to see what 2024 brings for them.

**Miss Lowe - Head of Year 10**

I take pleasure in presenting a snapshot of the Year 11 cohort's progress since the initiation of the academic year in September. Notably, these students have demonstrated a great determination and attitude towards Year 11, collectively securing an impressive 4,755 Learning Scores, surpassing the achievements of their predecessors. Their positive mindset, characterised by resilience and a strong work ethic, has been evident since the outset, setting a noteworthy example for the broader school community.

Furthermore, it is fantastic that a substantial number of students have actively participated in our EPS sessions after school. The cumulative attendance for these sessions has reached an impressive 2,223 hours, underscoring the pupils' proactive approach in seeking additional support and reinforcing their commitment to their future exams. Year 11 conducted themselves fantastically through their mock exams and I praise their attitude and commitment to the process. I firmly believe that the commitment shown by the Year 11 cohort will lead to ongoing success as they navigate through this critical academic year.

**Mr Pinder - Head of Year 11**

### Head of Year Pupil Recognition



#### Rayhan K - Year 10

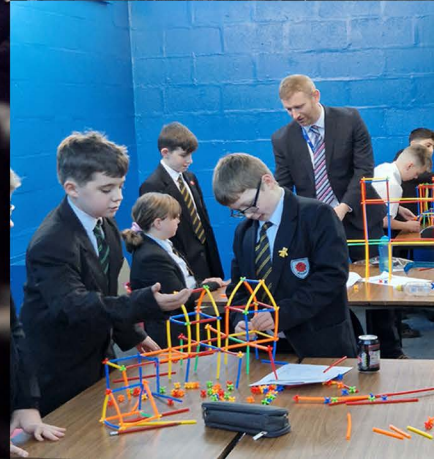
His motivation has shone through this half term as can be seen by all the learning score 1s he is achieving in his lessons. I know that Rayhan is on track to do really well in the future

#### Molly M - Year 11

For a fantastic start to Year 11, having the most post-cards in the year group and a fantastic attitude to learning, well done!!



# Adventures in Learning





# Sports Spotlight

Congratulations to year 9 pupils Robbie & Warren and their club team Woolston Rovers for winning the u13 championship.

And well done Robbie for winning Warrington Wolves Made of Steel u13 Award.



Congratulations to Charlotte in year 11 winning the 'Spirit of the Club' award at the recent Warrington Girls RL presentation night. Top points scorer of the season also!



Gracie year 8 and Emmie year 7 . As a dance squad group they came 1st in a performance and 2nd in their duo performance. In addition Gracie came 3rd in her solo performance.





Congratulations to year 8 pupil Harrison for winning Crosfields Rugby u12 'Man of Steel' award. He also picked up players player and parents player of the year.



British Weightlifting Silver medal for Academy Sport+ pupil Robbie Simpson last weekend in the u15 67kg category.

Amazing performance!





# Pupil Leadership Team



## ELECTION RESULTS

**President**



PRESIDENT

**Warren**

**Vice President**



VICE PRESIDENT

**Florence**

This year's Pupil Leadership Team was elected in October following a rigorous application process. Pupils completed an application form for their roles answering questions about their skill sets and why they would be good at the role. Applicants were then invited to an interview where they were required to talk in more detail, in person, about their skills, what makes them a good candidate, and what they would do if they were successfully appointed. Pupils were appointed positions following successful interviews, however, for the role of President and Vice President, six applicants were shortlisted to take part in a weeklong campaign. Pupils created and presented a manifesto to staff and pupils and handed out leaflets and spoke with pupils about their manifesto whilst lobbying at breaks and lunch times. At the end of the campaign, the whole school took part in a democratic vote, in the style of a general election, with a polling station set up in school. Votes were counted and the two candidates with the most votes were appointed as President and Vice President. The three remaining candidates were appointed MPLT roles sitting under the President and Vice President within the leadership team structure.

Since then, the PLT have been hard at work around school and the local community, raising money and awareness for several causes and charities, such as Anti-Bullying Week, Children in Need and The Christmas Gift Appeal, to name just a few. They have also began to make connections with the local care home and have attended TCAT Parliament meetings, getting involved in trust wide projects surrounding the environment and mental health.

The PLT have lots of plans in the pipeline ready for the new year and they can't wait to share their projects with everybody in the coming weeks.



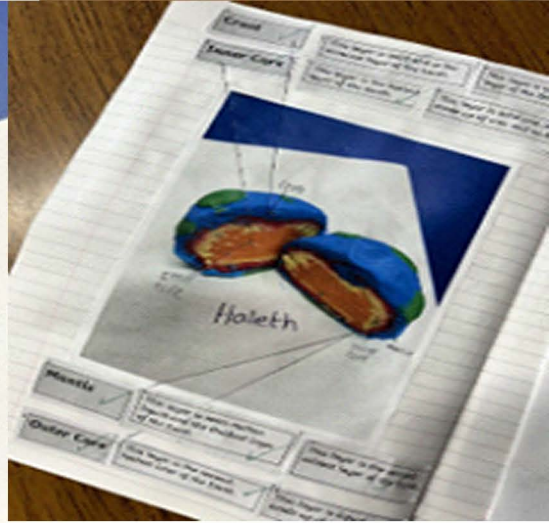
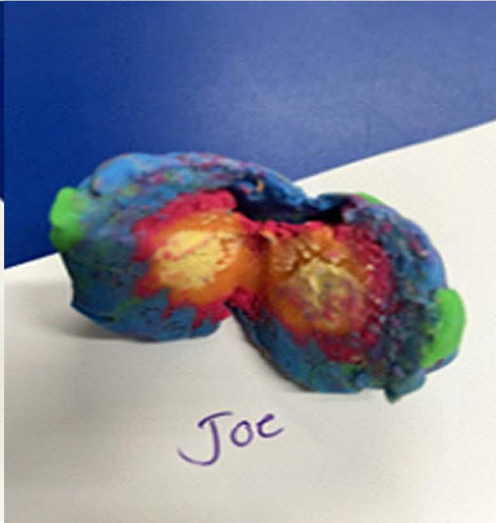




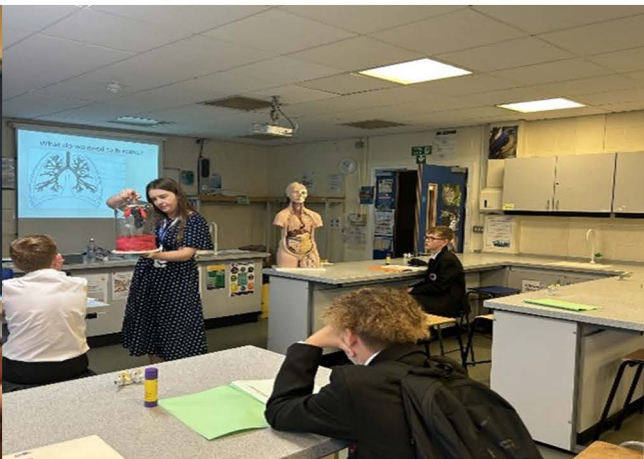
# Designated Provision



Sports Ability Day – Orford Jubilee Hub



Geography 7/8/9 – Tectonics



DP Science – Circulation and breathing



Skills Builder – Teamwork - Building Bridges – 7/8/9



Keate House Care Home – 25.9.23  
Pupils visited Keate House Care Home in Lymm. They had a tour of the facilities and were given a presentation



Pupils visited Tesco Extra in Warrington – Completed a 'World of Work' tour. Found out about different careers within the company, visited different departments in the store and completed some interview practise.

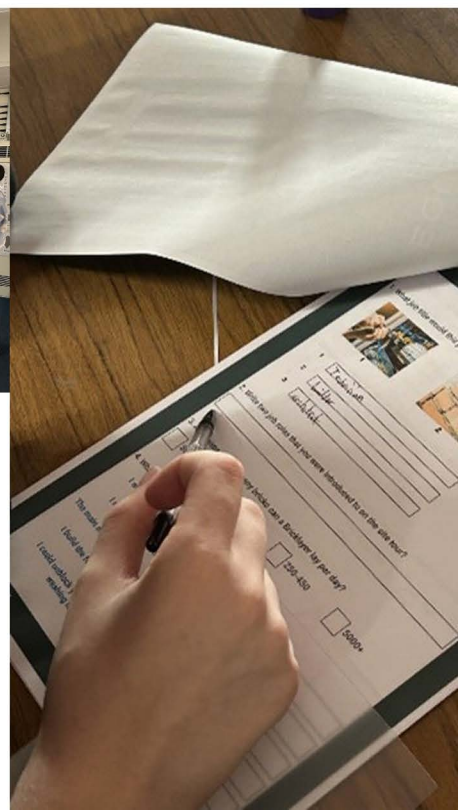




Sky-Adobe Day – Joined mainstream pupils for a Careers day with Sky and Adobe. Created a short film about Climate Change using Adobe software.



Carmel College – 26th September – College tour and information session.



Equans – 24.10.23 and 29.11.23

Emily from Equans came into school to complete a careers workshop with DP pupils. Pupils looked at careers in the construction industry and took part in a virtual site tour. They discussed the skills and attributes employers will look for in future talent.

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