

Newsletter

Together we **B**elieve we can learn
Value each other and
work to **S**ucceed.

One School



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Bank View School

2025-2026 Issue #6

Message from Juliette

As we reach the end of another school year, it is hard to believe just how much we have achieved together as a school community. It has been another action-packed year, full of memorable experiences, exciting opportunities and, most importantly, outstanding achievements by our students.

Throughout the year, our pupils have continued to amaze us with their resilience, determination, talents and successes. Whether in the classroom, on educational visits, through sporting achievements, performances, accreditation outcomes or personal milestones, they have consistently demonstrated what can be achieved with the right support, encouragement and belief. We could not be prouder of every single one of them.

This year has also brought significant developments for our school. From September, Bank View will be operating across two sites, and we are very much looking forward to bringing all of our primary classes together at Fazakerley. This marks an exciting new chapter in our journey and will provide even greater opportunities for our youngest learners to thrive together.

However, I make no apology for dedicating my final newsletter of the year to one very special person.

Today marks the retirement of Mrs Claire Pattison after an incredible 30 years of service to Bank View School.

Message from Juliette continued

During my 11 years as Principal, I have been truly blessed to have Claire as deputy. She embodies everything that Bank View stands for: compassion, dedication, professionalism and an unwavering commitment to ensuring that every child reaches their full potential.

Claire began her career at Bank View as a DT and Art teacher, inspiring generations of young people through her creativity, enthusiasm and high expectations. Over the years, she progressed into senior leadership and became an exceptionally successful Vice Principal, playing a pivotal role in shaping the school we are today.

Her contribution to Bank View cannot be overstated. She has worked tirelessly to support students, families and carers, always going above and beyond to ensure that young people leave us with the skills, confidence and achievements they need to succeed in life. Her influence can be seen in every corner of our school and in the lives of countless students and families she has supported over more than three decades.

Claire has also been instrumental in leading and supporting the school's journey through its last two outstanding Ofsted judgements. Her vision, expertise and relentless pursuit of excellence have helped ensure that Bank View continues to provide the very best educational experience for our pupils.

More than that, Claire has been a wonderful colleague, mentor and friend to so many staff members over the years. She has been a constant source of wisdom, encouragement and support, and her impact on our staff team will continue to be felt long after her retirement.

On behalf of everyone connected with Bank View - our students, families, carers, staff, governors and wider community- thank you, Claire, for your remarkable service, unwavering commitment and the difference you have made to so many lives.

You leave Bank View with our gratitude, enormous respect and very best wishes for a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

**Have a wonderful summer everyone.
Juliette**

Message from Mrs Pattison

I know Juliette has thanked me for my many years at Bank View, but I would also like to thank the school.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my many years here.

I believe it is an amazing school with high aspirations for our students, positive relationships between staff and students, and strong partnerships between families and the school.

I truly feel that we all work closely together in the best interests of our young people.

This week has been very special, with a few tears but also many celebrations.

I feel incredibly lucky to still be doing a job that I genuinely love.

Thank you all for your support over the years. It has been a privilege to be part of the Bank View family.

Have a lovely summer

With my very best wishes,

Claire



Bank View Website

Don't forget to check our website for our curriculum information.

We will use this and SeeSaw messages to let you know what is happening in school. Please let us know if there is anything else you feel would be useful to include on the website.

Uniform

A polite reminder, please, that all students need to wear the correct uniform for school.

Students who arrive at school without the correct uniform on will be provided with a uniform, or parents/carers will be asked to bring it to school. If you have issues with your child wearing any of the school's uniform, please contact your child's form teacher.

Our uniform supplier is:

Lisa's Schoolwear 72 Priory Road, Anfield,
Liverpool, L4 2RZ

275 East Prescott Road, Knotty Ash, Liverpool, L14
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Pupil Information

We would like to remind all parents of the importance of providing the school with any change of address, phone numbers, medical conditions/supplies or dietary needs, Please email

Studentinformation@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk

We need the following information

Pupil Name

Home telephone number

Mobile phone number

Address

Email address:

Medical Conditions/Medical Supplies

Allergies/Dietary Needs

The logo for 'Lunch Time' is written in a large, blue, bubbly font with white polka dots. The words 'Lunch' and 'Time' are stacked vertically.

The cost of a school lunch is now £2.80.

This can be paid through parent app.

There are quiet spaces on all sites for your child to have their lunch if needed.



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

Good attendance builds bright futures. 



PLEASE DON'T BOOK HOLIDAYS IN THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF THE NEW TERM.

Missing the first few days can have a lasting impact on your child's education.

Missing the first few days
increases the chances of becoming

A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE

for the term.



Children who miss just the **first 5 days** of term are **more likely** to miss more **days** throughout the year.

WHY THE FIRST DAYS MATTER

- ★ Your child settles into routines and feels confident.
- ★ They build strong relationships with their teacher and classmates.
- ★ They don't miss important learning and key information.
- ★ A positive start leads to a successful term.



ATTENDANCE COUNTS

- ★ 100% attendance = 0 days missed
- ★ 95% attendance = 10 days missed
- ★ 90% attendance = 19 days missed
- ★ 85% attendance = 29 days missed

Less attendance = less progress



WORK TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

We understand that time away for a holiday can be tempting, but your child's education is their future.
Please help us give them the best start possible.



As attendance continues to be a key priority for our school, we are pleased to welcome our new Education Welfare Partner (EWP), Liz Brown. Liz brings a wealth of experience and specialist expertise in supporting attendance for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Working closely with school staff, pupils and families, Liz will help identify and address any barriers to regular attendance, ensuring that children receive the support they need to attend school consistently and achieve their full potential. Her collaborative and supportive approach will be invaluable in strengthening partnerships between home and school and promoting positive attendance outcomes for all.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Starts: Tuesday 1st September

Ends: Friday 18th December

Half term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Christmas break: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Starts: Monday 4th January

Ends: Friday 26th March

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Easter break: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April (Easter bank holidays - Friday 26th March and Monday 29th March)

Summer Term 2027

Starts: Monday 12th April

Ends: Wednesday 21st July

May day: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Inset Days are:

Tuesday and Wednesday Sept 1st 2nd. 2026

Monday 7th Dec 2026

Friday Feb 12th 2027

Wed July 21st 2027

Who to Contact

If you need to speak to someone about your child your first contact should be your child's form teacher.

We also have pastoral HLTAs attached to each year group. They support with attendance.



schoolmoney

SchoolMoney is now live

You don't need to sign up to this system as it is done automatically through the school provided we have your up to date contact details. School will send a password which will give you access to your account.

Once you are up and running you can book in your child's school meals for the week and pay online. Any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Useful apps

SeeSaw

Can all parents/carers ensure they have seesaw app downloaded?

This allows you to see all the pupils' work and achievements in class.

It also allows us to send any letters/information

You can download the seesaw app from the app store – if you need a new invitation sent to your email, please contact m.armstrong@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk or devine.j@bankview.liverpool.sch.uk

Examination results

The school will be open from 10am to 12 noon on Thursday August 20th for year 11 students to collect their exam results.

This can either be in person or via the phone.

We can also email the results out to you.

Superkind Award



We are incredibly proud to have been awarded the SuperKind Social Impact Schools Award, recognising our commitment to making a positive difference in our school and wider community.

This award celebrates the kindness, compassion and social action shown by our learners every day, and reflects our shared values of helping others and creating meaningful change.

A very special thank you goes to Miss Loughlin, whose dedication, enthusiasm and hard work made this achievement possible.

We are also immensely proud of our amazing learners, whose kindness, generosity and commitment to making a difference are at the heart of everything we do.

This award belongs to our whole school community, and we couldn't be more delighted to receive this award.

Primary News

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to take a moment to celebrate everything our incredible Primary learners have achieved. It has been a year filled with growth, confidence, resilience and so many memorable experiences, and we could not be prouder of every single child.

Throughout this final half term, our learners have enjoyed an amazing range of opportunities. Across our classrooms, learning has been brought to life through exciting and practical activities. Pearl Class developed their phonics, counting and mathematical understanding through imaginative play, including creating their own baker's shop and enjoying a Teddy Bear Picnic. Jasper Class explored London through their London's Burning learning theme, strengthened their handwriting skills with Letter-join and finished their topic with a fantastic role-play visit to Camden Market. Emerald Class amazed everyone with the progress they made during swimming lessons, while also developing their creativity, communication and listening skills. Turquoise Class continued to impress us with their excellent computing and digital literacy skills, confidently editing photographs and exploring creative technology.

Alongside their classroom learning, all of our learners have developed essential life skills throughout the year. They have built friendships, shown kindness, embraced new challenges, strengthened their communication, and improved their independence. From learning about water safety and online safety to welcoming new friends during Transition Day, our learners have shown maturity, resilience and compassion in everything they do.

As we reflect on the year, it is incredible to see just how much progress every child has made. Whether that progress has been academic, social, emotional or personal, every achievement has been celebrated, and every success has mattered. We know that behind every milestone is the hard work of our learners, the dedication of our staff and the unwavering support of our families.

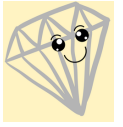
Thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Your support makes an enormous difference and helps our learners thrive.

To our wonderful Year 6 pupils moving on to Year 7, we wish you every success as you begin your next adventure. We know you will continue to shine.

Finally, thank you to all of our amazing learners for making this year so special. You have made us laugh, made us proud and inspired us every single day. We hope you all have a safe, relaxing and well-deserved summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning.

Primary News

Pearl



Pearl Class have had a wonderful Summer 2 term, making the most of the warm weather through lots of exciting outdoor learning opportunities. Our learners have especially enjoyed teddy bears' picnics in Forest School, where we explored nature, developed social skills, and shared special experiences with our favourite teddies. We have had lots of fun learning about shapes in maths through practical, hands-on activities, helping us to build confidence and understanding in a meaningful way. In cookery, we have been busy making delicious summer treats, promoting independence and developing valuable life skills as we prepared and enjoyed our creations together. Water play has been a particular highlight, helping us to stay cool while providing rich, multi-sensory learning experiences full of exploration and discovery. Throughout the term, we have continued our fantastic "London's Burning" theme, bringing our learning to life through engaging activities, creativity, and play. We are incredibly proud of all the progress our learners have made and have loved seeing their confidence, communication, and independence continue to grow.

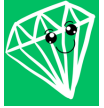


Jasper

This half term, Jasper Class has continued learning about our London's Burning topic, exploring what London is like today and learning about famous landmarks such as Big Ben, Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace. A highlight of the half term was our visit to Aintree Fire Station, where the children enjoyed seeing the fire engines and learning how firefighters help keep us safe. We have also continued to develop important foundation skills, including work on shapes and measures, forming letters correctly and investigating which objects float and sink. During the recent hot weather, the children enjoyed water-based activities to help keep cool while having fun and learning. To celebrate a fantastic year, the children enjoyed watching Toy Story 5 and a special trip to McDonald's as a reward for their kindness, positive behaviour and hard work.



Primary News



Emerald

Emerald Class have had a fantastic term, packed with fun, learning and plenty of sunshine. We've been steaming ahead in maths, confidently tackling two-digit addition and times tables. In English the children have impressed us with their beautiful shape poems inspired by magical potions. Their vocabulary has been outstanding, as they described what they could hear, smell and see.

Swimming has been a real highlight and the warm weather has given us lots of opportunities to take our learning outdoors. In Science, we've been thinking carefully about keeping healthy and exploring nutrition, while in D.T we've experimented with moving mechanisms to create our very own pop-up books. The heatwave even brought some ice-cold treats and a brilliant Turquoise vs Emerald water fight.

It truly has been our best term yet. The children are finishing the year more confident, more capable, and more ready than ever for the exciting learning adventures ahead. Thank you to you all for such a lovely year!



Turquoise

We have been busy in our final half term finishing off our 'Potions and commotions' topic'. The children have created some fantastic shape poems inspired by potions and cauldrons. The children worked hard to use exciting adjective in their writing. The children have also created their own pop-up books, focusing on 3 different moving mechanisms. We have enjoyed an interactive and engaging workshop by Wonder Weavers to bring our topic to an end. The children have worked so hard this year and are ready for a well-earned summer break. Make sure to check out Seesaw to see our amazing work this half term



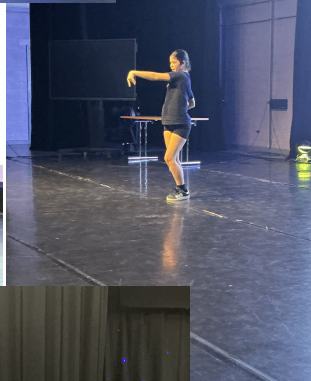
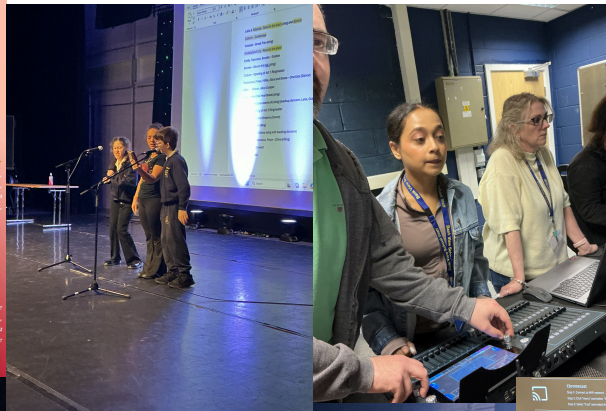
Speke News

Beyond the View



This term, Beyond the View Theatre Company proudly presented its first ever Summer Showcase, performing four fantastic shows to audiences of pupils, staff and parents/carers. The Greatest Show was a spectacular celebration of creativity and performance, featuring an exciting mix of singing, dancing, acting, live music, poetry and compering.

Our pupils demonstrated their talents to an exceptional standard, delivering confident and memorable performances throughout. With a prominent circus theme, the showcase was brought to life through a vibrant combination of colourful lighting, imaginative set design, costumes and projection, creating a memorable experience for all who attended. We already can't wait for the next one!



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Humanities

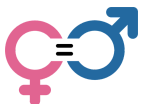


Year 7 – Exploring the World of Tourism



Year 7 have been on an exciting journey exploring the fascinating world of tourism. They began by investigating tourism in the UK, with a particular focus on the beautiful Lake District. Pupils discovered how tourism brings many benefits to local communities, while also creating challenges for the environment. They were surprised to learn about some of the damage caused by large numbers of visitors and worked thoughtfully to evaluate ways of making tourism more sustainable.

Their learning then took them across the globe as they researched some of the world's most popular tourist destinations before zooming in on the diverse and vibrant continent of Africa. Pupils challenged common misconceptions and explored the incredible range of experiences Africa has to offer, from relaxing beach resorts and thrilling safari adventures to bustling city breaks. Their curiosity and enthusiasm made for some fantastic classroom discussions!

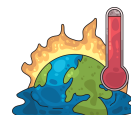


Year 8 – People, Protest and the Fight for Equality

Year 8 have stepped back in time to investigate what life was like for women in the early 1900s. They were shocked to discover that while men could vote in public elections, women were denied this basic right and had little representation in Parliament.

The class explored the determined efforts of the Suffragists, who campaigned peacefully for equal rights. When these methods failed to bring about change, pupils examined how the Suffragettes adopted more militant tactics to make their voices heard. Through lively debate and research, Year 8 compared the two movements and evaluated their impact on the campaign for women's suffrage. They have shown real passion and empathy while studying this pivotal period in British history.

Year 9 – Tackling Climate Change



Year 9 have been investigating one of the most important issues facing our world today: climate change. They have explored the evidence behind climate change, examined its causes, and analysed the far-reaching impacts it is already having on people and environments around the globe.

Pupils have also considered the urgent need for action, discussing what could happen if we fail to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect our planet for future generations. Their thoughtful contributions and enthusiasm for environmental issues have been inspiring, and it is clear we have some passionate eco-warriors in our school who are determined to make a difference! ❤️🌍

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STEAM

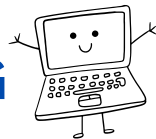


This year, our STEAM group has been buzzing with creativity, teamwork and innovation! Pupils have explored engineering and design by planning, building and testing a range of exciting K'NEX creations, from roller coasters and bridges to moving structures and imaginative models.

Throughout the year, they have developed valuable problem-solving, communication and resilience skills, learning that perseverance and teamwork are just as important as the finished product. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved, and these fantastic creations are a testament to their hard work, creativity and enthusiasm. Well done to everyone who took part!



COMPUTING



Year 7

Pupils have been creating their own game using an app called Kodu and then learning how to code the agent in Minecraft Education. We used block coding and some pupils even managed to create enemies and a score in Kodu. Fantastic work Year 7!

Year 8

Year 8 pupils were using Minecraft Education to code and build their very own city. They used prior learning to control the agent to build roads through the city and build buildings. During this unit pupils had to use co-ordinates to place blocks in the correct places. Amazing work Year 8!

Year 9

Year 9 pupils have been learning about loops and mathematical operators in Minecraft Education. They had to use these skills to create a park with fences and flowers. Well done year 9, fantastic work!

PE



This term in PE, pupils have enjoyed developing their skills in athletics, rounders and climbing. Athletics has helped pupils improve their overall fitness, coordination and determination, while encouraging them to challenge themselves and strive for their personal best. In rounders, pupils have developed their batting, bowling and fielding skills, as well as teamwork, communication and tactical thinking through a range of fun games and activities. Climbing sessions have encouraged children to build confidence, resilience and problem-solving skills as they challenged themselves to reach new heights in a safe and supportive environment. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm, determination and positive attitudes shown by all pupils throughout the term.

Speke News

LIFE SKILLS



Year 7

Pupils have been learning about Road Safety. We talked about how to cross the road, the different crossing types and planned a route using a map and landmarks. Well done Year 7!



Year 8

Pupils have been learning about telling the time. They learned about the difference between analogue and digital time telling and how to convert between the two. They also made their very own working clocks.

Well done Year 8!



Wimbledon Trip



Twenty-seven pupils and members of staff attended Wimbledon on 8th and 9th July. The visit was a memorable experience for everyone, providing a wonderful opportunity to witness world-class tennis. The following day, the group enjoyed sightseeing in London. It was an excellent experience for all involved and a trip we will look to run again next academic year

Careers – Speke



We have had many valuable opportunities to engage with industry partners this term. On 22nd July, representatives from Stagecoach visited the Speke site, providing pupils with the opportunity to explore potential career pathways within the company. The visit supported the 'Introduce and Inspire' core theme of the Modern Work Experience Pilot, Equalex, helping pupils to gain a greater understanding of the world of work and future employment opportunities.

Further information about the Modern Work Experience programme can be found [here](#). Liverpool City Region launches national pilot to radically shake-up work experience for school children

Speke News



Charity Football Tournament



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our charity football tournament, organised by the LFC Foundation on behalf of Merseyside Police.

Both the children and staff from our two school sites had a fantastic morning, enjoying the tournament while raising money for some wonderful local causes. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we raised an amazing £756.50.

The funds raised will support two fantastic local organisations:

£350 will be donated to the Eldonian Community Trust, helping to provide free football camps during the school holidays for children and young people across Liverpool.

£350 will support the Larkettes Majorettes Troupe, enabling them to continue offering positive opportunities and activities for young people.

The remaining £56.50 will be donated to one of our Speke students, who is taking on a sponsored mountain walk to raise money for The Inclusive Hub

We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part, donated, and supported the event. Your kindness and generosity will make a real difference to these amazing organisations and the young people they support.

Thank you for helping to make the morning such a fantastic success!



Speke News

ENGLISH

Y7

Our learners have been completing their study of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*; they have been whisked off to the magical island and acted the roles of Prospero, Ariel, Caliban and Miranda. Learners have thoroughly enjoyed using the new props which we have invested in at Speke to bring the play to life.

Y8

Building on the learning from year 7, our year 8 learners have been completing their study of *Romeo and Juliet*. We have continued to invest in props to bring the play to life and learners have thoroughly enjoyed their study of the star cross'd lovers!

Y9

Continuing with the theme of performing within the English curriculum, our year 9 learners have been completing their study of the dystopian thriller *Noughts and Crosses*. Our learners have built on their oracy and performance skills to bring the play to life.

MATHS

Year 7

Year 7 have covered work on fractions and time this half term - they have been amazing! 

Year 8

This term, Year 8 students have been developing their understanding of angles and pictograms. They explored how to identify and measure different types of angles and applied this knowledge to real-life situations. Students also learned how to read, interpret and create pictograms, using them to present and analyse data in meaningful ways. 

Year 9

Some of our Year 9 students have been building their independence by learning how to read and interpret bus and train timetables, developing valuable real-life skills for planning journeys. They also explored the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, identifying their features and comparing the characteristics of different shapes.

We have been discovering Algebra, what this means, and how it links to other areas of maths. Realising that we use algebra all the time, we just don't realise! 

All our year groups will be ending the school year with our annual Fun Maths Roadshow; a chance to do some problem solving that tests our logic, teamwork and patience! 

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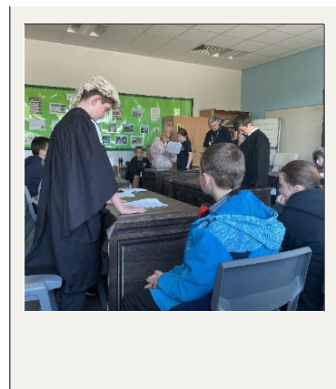
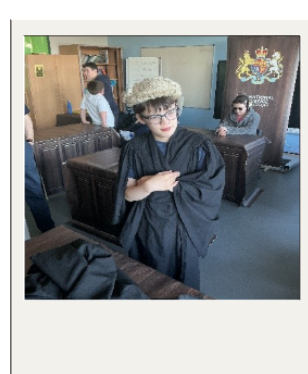
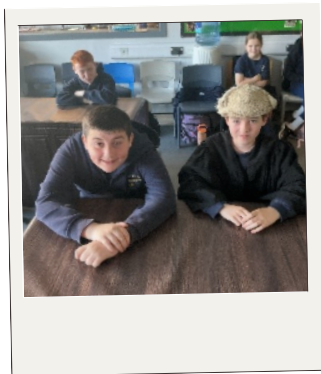
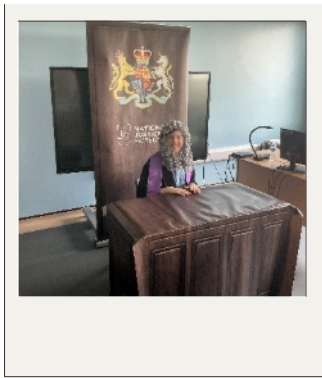
CITIZENSHIP



This half term, Year 7 have been exploring the different types of courts and the range of sentences that can be given when a crime is committed. To bring their learning to life, we were delighted to welcome the National Justice Museum, who set up a fully interactive pop-up courtroom in school.

The students took on a variety of roles, including judge, defence, witnesses, clerk and more, working together to decide whether the defendant was guilty or not guilty.

It was a fantastic experience to watch, and the children threw themselves into their roles with enthusiasm. They learned a great deal and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to bring their classroom learning into a real-world setting.



Fazakerley News

ENGLISH

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding academic year, I am delighted to share our final English Department update. This term has been filled with creativity, confidence, and exceptional pupil achievement across all key stages.

All Ears Poetry Expo – Liverpool Exhibition Centre



One of our standout moments this term was our visit to the All-Ears Poetry Expo. Three pupils – from Years 7, 9 and 10 – wrote and performed their own original poems to an audience of secondary schools from across Liverpool, alongside esteemed local poet Joseph Roberts.

Their performances showed bravery, poise, and remarkable creativity. Each pupil demonstrated maturity beyond their years, and they represented Bank View with pride and professionalism. It was a privilege to see them shine on such a respected platform.



Curriculum Highlights

Key Stage 3 (Shakespeare Focus)

KS3 pupils have been rounding off the year by exploring the works of William Shakespeare. They have engaged brilliantly with character study, dramatic performance, and the historical context of Shakespeare's world.

Key Stage 4 (Speaking & Listening Preparation)

KS4 pupils have been preparing for their Speaking and Listening assessments, developing confidence in presenting ideas, responding thoughtfully, and communicating clearly. Their progress has been excellent, and they should feel proud of their achievements.

ENGLISH CONTINUED...

English Enrichment & Trips



This year has been rich with English enrichment opportunities. Pupils have taken part in live performances, creative workshops, reading events, and cultural experiences that have broadened their understanding of literature and storytelling. Their engagement has been outstanding.



Liverpool Libraries – Summer Reading Challenge

We encourage all pupils to take part in the Liverpool Libraries Summer Reading Challenge, a brilliant way to keep reading skills strong over the summer break.

How it works

Sign up at any Liverpool library.

Read six books over the summer.

Collect stickers, rewards, and a certificate.

It's completely free and suitable for all ages and reading levels.

Local Liverpool Libraries

Liverpool Central Library – William Brown Street

Allerton Library – Allerton Road

Childwall Library – Queens Drive

Garston Library – Bowden Road

More information is available on the Liverpool Libraries website or by visiting your nearest branch.



Recommended Summer Reading Lists



Year 7

- o The Beck by Antony McGowan
- o Fight Back by A. M. Dassu
- o The Marvellers by Dhonielle Clayton

Year 8

- o Catch you death by Ravena Guron
- o Like a Girl by Rebecca Westcott
- o Madame Doubtfire by Anne Fine

Year 9

- o King of Nothing by Nathanael Lessore
- o The Blue Book of Nebo by Manon Steffan Ros
- o Thief by Malorie Blackman

Year 10

- o Five survive by Holly Jackson
- o If My Words Had Wings by Danielle Jawando
- o Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

Year 11

- o Last Lesson by James Goodhand
- o I Loved You in Another Life by David Arnold
- o Twenty-Four Seconds from Now by Jason Reynolds

FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Year 11 GCSE Students have made amazing dishes for their GCSE Food exam. They worked really hard & I am looking forward to results day. Well done Year 11



Primary Food Technology Lessons

This year the Primary classes have enjoyed their Food Technology lessons each week. They have made lots of different dishes & gained valuable practical skills which will help them when they move up to Year 7.

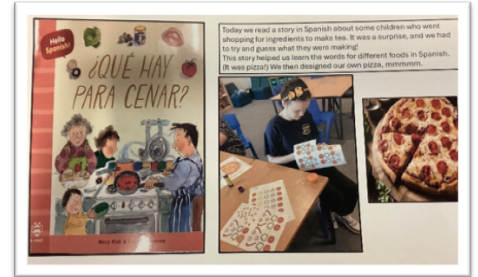
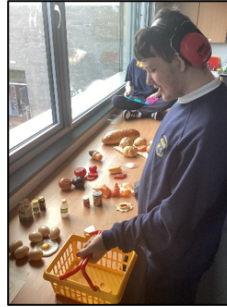
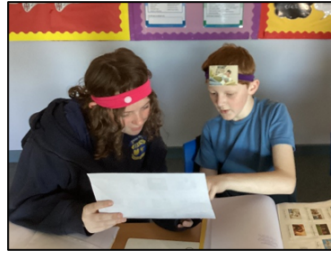


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SPANISH



In Spanish across the year, we have been thinking of new and exciting ways to help us learn our new vocabulary. We have used bilingual story books, playing shop with toy food and various fun games. All these activities enhance learning and pupils approached everything with enthusiasm.



Some year 8 pupils even became weather forecasters for the day! Let's hope they forecast some nice weather for the summer holidays

SCHOOL COUNCIL



The School Council joined forces with other schools across Liverpool to raise awareness of knife crime and its impact on young people. In September, we will be taking part in a sponsored run to raise money for this fantastic cause and support important work within our community



DOT ARTS



Matthew & Victoria attended the DOT ARTS award ceremony. Their work was showcased in the Walker Art Gallery.



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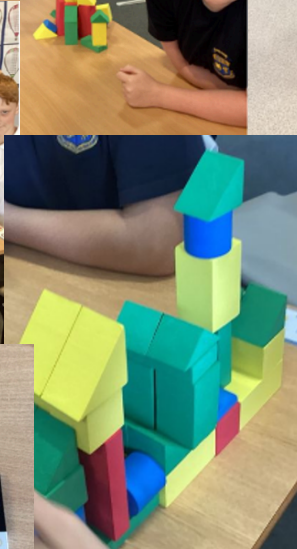
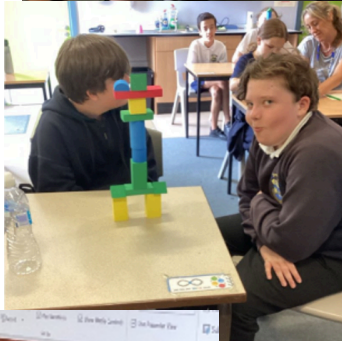
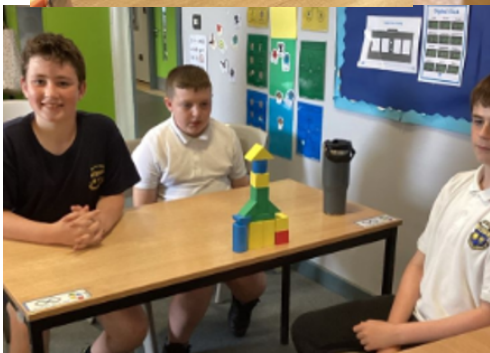
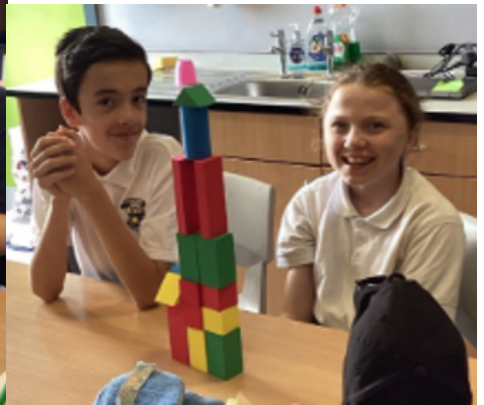
MATHS



This term, KS3 students have been developing their understanding of 2D and 3D shapes through a range of engaging and practical activities. They have explored the properties of shapes, including angles and lines of symmetry, while building confidence in using mathematical vocabulary accurately.

Students have also worked on identifying and classifying polygons, calculating perimeter and area, and investigating surface area and volume for 3D shapes. Through problem-solving challenges and collaborative tasks, they have demonstrated excellent reasoning skills and resilience when tackling more complex geometric concepts.

We are very proud of the enthusiasm and progress shown by all students this term and look forward to building on these skills in the future. Well done, KS3! 🎉





Year 7

This half term, Year 7 have been exploring the fascinating topic of dark tourism. They have investigated what dark tourism is, considered the different viewpoints surrounding it, and thought critically about its advantages and disadvantages. As part of the topic, students studied a range of significant sites, including Ground Zero, Pompeii, Auschwitz, North Korea and Chernobyl.

The topic sparked a great deal of interest across the year group, leading to some brilliant discussions, particularly around North Korea and Ground Zero. It has been great to see so many students asking thoughtful questions, sharing their opinions and really engaging with the topic throughout the half term.

Year 8

This term, Year 8 have been exploring the topic of People and Protest, focusing on the Civil Rights Movement before beginning their study of the Suffragettes. Throughout the topic, students have looked in more depth at Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and the Jim Crow laws. They also explored the transatlantic slave trade, Liverpool's role within it, and the long fight for equality and civil rights. Students have also considered the importance of human rights and developed a greater appreciation for many of the rights and freedoms we often take for granted.

As they moved on to the Suffragettes, pupils considered the limited rights and lack of political voice women experienced before the campaign for women's suffrage. They explored the different approaches taken by suffragists and suffragettes, including peaceful campaigning, protests and the role many women played during the First World War. Students considered how these efforts challenged attitudes towards women's roles in society and contributed to the eventual expansion of voting rights.

Year 8 also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Chester Zoo to support their learning about ecosystems from earlier in the year. It was a brilliant day, with all students representing the school exceptionally well. The bat cave certainly divided opinions, while the penguins were a firm favourite!



HUMANITIES CONTINUED...

Year 9

This half term, Year 9 have been focusing on the important topic of climate change.

Students have explored what climate change is, the evidence that supports our understanding of it, and the different human and natural causes that contribute to it.

They have also begun to look at how we can manage and mitigate its impacts.

Throughout the topic, students have investigated the greenhouse effect in more depth and explored the ways in which we can reduce the amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere. It has been great to see students engaging with such a relevant and important issue, developing their understanding of the challenges facing our planet and the steps we can take to help address them.

Kick Crime Out Cup



Year 7 and 8 students went to Speke to take part in the Kick Crime Out Cup football tournament. It was a fantastic charity event and the students represented Long Lane exceptionally well throughout. Well done!

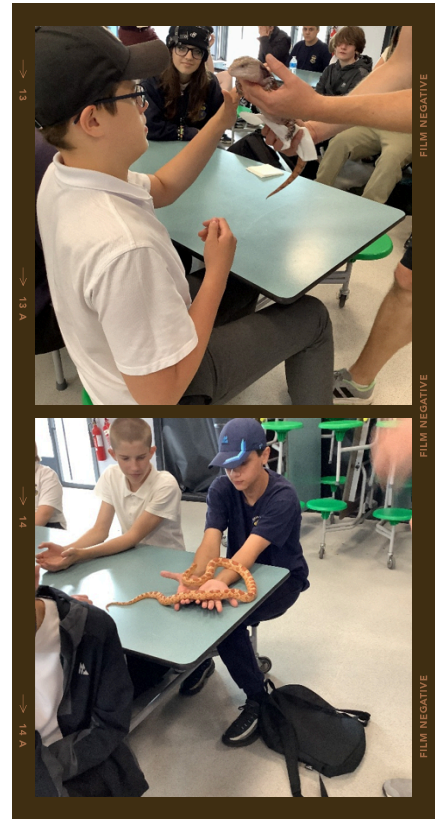


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SCIENCE



Across Key Stage 3 27 pupils have been awarded the Crest Discovery Award for their amazing work on the Extraordinary Properties of Eggs. Year 8 and Year 9 students enjoyed an exciting visit from Dylan's Reptile Time, where they learned all about a variety of fascinating reptiles and invertebrates. They discovered how these amazing creatures have adapted to survive in their different environments and were captivated by the interesting facts shared throughout the session. The highlight of the visit was the opportunity to get up close to the animals, with many students bravely holding and handling snakes, lizards, frogs, and even a tarantula. It was a memorable, hands-on experience that brought learning to life and sparked plenty of curiosity and enthusiasm.



Ten pupils from Years 7 and 8 recently visited Liverpool John Moores University to experience what a day studying Environmental Science at university might be like.

During the visit, they explored the campus, attended a lecture on invasive species, and took part in practical activities testing water samples for microplastics and pollutants. The pupils were fantastic throughout the day, showing enthusiasm, curiosity, and excellent behaviour. I was incredibly proud of how they represented our school.

If you think your child would enjoy taking part in future Environmental Science projects and opportunities, please let me know. We have more exciting activities planned, and it would be great to involve as many interested pupils as possible.

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ART



In Art, Year 7 have been learning about the work of Keith Haring. Inspired by his bold, comic-style artwork, we have been creating our own comic-inspired pieces, as well as experimenting with collage and polyprinting techniques. We are also excited to welcome graphic artist Neil Keating, who will be working with us to design and create a vibrant art mural.



We were delighted to welcome Neil Keating into school, where he worked alongside our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils to help create a vibrant Bank View mural. The workshop gave pupils the opportunity to express their creativity, develop their artistic skills and collaborate on a meaningful piece of artwork that will be enjoyed by the whole school community. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm, engagement and talent on display throughout the day



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Fables & Fairytales



Our summer show at Long Lane was guided by our new director Joe Shipman and had a very different feel this year. Performers did well delivering lots more dialogue than usual in a fast paced performance using the morals of fairytales as the focus.



Connect! Young Sounds

As part of the Connect! Young Sounds programme our students performed at the summer sharing in Speke alongside other schools from around Liverpool.



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Summer Music Concert



Pupils once again shared their skills, entertaining their fellow students with well known and original compositions. Great playing to an appreciative and supportive audience



Careers



We had a visit from Stagecoach this half term who brought one of their brand new electric buses to school. All pupils had the chance to explore the bus, sit in the drivers seat and ask questions of the staff about their job. It was an extremely successful event and is hopefully the start of a new working relationship between Stagecoach and Bank View School.





The Wellbeing Hub continues to support all our students with emotional regulation, social and communication development and healthy minds and healthy bodies. In addition to our students spending time with a learning mentor, we have seen many successful group work sessions such as Happy, Healthy Me and Think Bricks. We continue to have Liverpool Football Club Foundation come in every week and support our pupils with their physical skills and teamwork.

SENSORY CIRCUIT



As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to share some of the activities that our students have taken part in.

Sensory after-school clubs offer children a crucial way to decompress and regulate their nervous systems after a structured school day. We have made lots of sensory tools, such as slime, windmills, sensory bottles and fidget cubes.

We also had fun with our sensory activities, setting up sensory circuits, using scoot boards, the floor is lava game and tug of war. Gross motor movement combines sensory stimulation with physical play to help our learners burn off excess energy or soothe an underactive system.



OT/SALT

This half term, the OT and SALT Therapy Team have enjoyed connecting with families and staff across sites. We have offered a parent drop-in call via Teams, offering tailored advice and practical strategies to support learners at home. We also held some end-of-term parent meetings to share summer-ready ideas and personalised approaches for regulation, communication, and daily living skills.

Our team were delighted to deliver “Supporting Learners with Feeding Needs: skills and sensory sensitivities” training to staff across both sites, helping build confidence and consistency in supporting pupils’ needs. We look forward to continuing this collaborative work next term.

Families may also be interested in a free summer sensory survival kit, available to download from Sensory Integration Education:

<https://www.sensoryintegrationeducation.com/pages/free-sensory-resources>.

Year 11 Pupils Experience the Magic of Anfield



Our Year 11 pupils recently enjoyed an unforgettable day at Anfield Stadium, taking part in a mini football tournament on one of the most famous pitches in the world.

The event provided an incredible opportunity for pupils to showcase their teamwork, determination and sporting skills while competing against other schools in a fantastic atmosphere. Stepping onto the iconic Anfield pitch was a dream come true for many, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Throughout the tournament, our pupils represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, resilience and respect both on and off the field. Their enthusiasm and positive attitude made us incredibly proud.

A huge congratulations to all those who took part and embraced this unique opportunity. It was a truly special experience and one that our Year 11 pupils will remember long after leaving school. We would also like to thank the organisers for making such a memorable event possible.



Wellbeing Hub



Throughout the school year, pupils have taken part in a range of wellbeing activities to support their mental and emotional health. Regular yoga sessions have helped children develop balance, relaxation, and focus, while mindfulness activities have encouraged them to manage their emotions, reduce stress, and build resilience. These opportunities have created a calm, positive environment and supported pupils' overall wellbeing, helping them feel confident, settled, and ready to learn. A range of therapeutic sessions, including hand and head massage, have been provided. Pupils have also been encouraged to use mindfulness techniques, such as guided meditation and mindful breathing, to support emotional regulation and promote relaxation.



Base

As we come to the end of another busy and successful period in Base, I wanted to take a moment to say how proud we are of our amazing pupils. Every day, they continue to impress us with their resilience, enthusiasm, sense of humour and willingness to try new things.

There have been so many wonderful moments to celebrate recently. From developing new friendships and communication skills to showing greater independence and confidence, our pupils have achieved so much. We know that progress looks different for every child, and it is a privilege to celebrate every step forward, no matter how big or small.

Our classrooms have been full of learning, laughter and creativity. Pupils have enjoyed a range of activities including sensory learning, outdoor experiences, practical maths and literacy sessions, creative projects and opportunities to explore their interests. It has been fantastic to see their curiosity and excitement shine through.

One of the things we are most proud of is the kindness our pupils show towards one another. The support, encouragement and friendships we see each day help make Base a happy and welcoming place where everyone feels valued and included.

We would also like to thank you, our families and carers, for your continued support. The partnership between home and school makes such a difference, and we are grateful for the trust, communication and encouragement you provide. Whether sharing achievements from home or working with us to support your child, your contribution is invaluable.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities still to come and the many achievements we know our pupils will accomplish. We will continue to focus on helping every child develop their confidence, independence and skills while ensuring they feel happy, safe and successful.

We hope that you all have a wonderful and exciting school holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

With best wishes,

**Trish Penney
Head of Base Provision**

Base

RUBY



I cannot believe it is the end of the school year. We have been so busy and it has gone so quickly. Every Thursday we are lucky enough to have a curriculum trip. This week we took a picnic to the park. Calderstones Park was lovely in the sunshine and we enjoyed playing on the new play equipment before a 'Hydration Break' like the footballers. This term we have also enjoyed Jake's Sensory, Sandy Park Cafe and a big trip to Knowsley Safari Park. It was a very rainy day and the ostriches looked as soggy as we did, but the sealion show made everyone smile! We have been busy reading, writing, doing maths, sewing, cooking, playing golf and swimming as well. Enjoy the summer break everyone!



DIAMOND



It has been a great term for Diamond class and they have worked hard across all subjects.

They have enjoyed the extra curricular activities this half term. We had a visit from the petting zoo and the pupils were really brave (and I was too!) and held the animals. They had a visit from Stagecoach and enjoyed learning about the different careers they could have in that company, in particular they enjoyed being the 'driver'. We had a fantastic day out to Knowsley Safari Park too and the highlights of that trip were the baboon bus and the sealion show. They have also loved visiting the Inclusive Hub every week and developing their physical fitness and confidence



Base

AMETHYST



"I cannot believe that we have reached the end of another school year already! What an amazing year it has been. It has been wonderful to see the students' progress, both academically and socially, and they should all be incredibly proud of how hard they have worked. This term, we finished reading *The Tempest* in English and focused on developing our key literacy skills. In Maths, we explored position and direction, and in Science, we continued learning about our bodies and how to keep them healthy.

The final few weeks of term have been especially busy and exciting, with visits from external visitors, trips to Knowsley Safari Park and the Blue Planet Aquarium, our Bank View summer play—where one of our class members gave a fantastic performance—and an enjoyable Sports Day to round off the year.

Hope you all have a wonderful summer and a well deserved rest."



TOPAZ



What a brilliant final half term for Topaz Class. All pupils have worked so hard to finish off all of our Skills for Further Learning and Employment units and should be so proud of the work they have completed! We have also enjoyed some yoga sessions and a Poetry topic in English. Students have written some fantastic poems but the acrostic poems were definitely our favourite! We have also enjoyed some lovely trips this half term. We had a great time at Liverpool Museum and we had lots of fun at Knowsley Safari Park for our end of year trip. Riding on the baboon bus and seeing the monkeys climb on top of it was very funny and the sea lion show was a huge hit amongst the class. Topaz Class also enjoyed a trip to the cinema to see *Toy Story 5* as a nice treat for filling our class reward jar.

We hope everybody has a fantastic summer holidays and we look forward to seeing everybody again in September!

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QUARTZ



Quartz class has enjoyed another exciting and successful term! The class has loved exploring a range of new topics, particularly British Values, Keeping Healthy, and Weather and Climate. A fantastic addition to our classroom this term has been the Wii, which has supported pupils in developing their social skills, teamwork, and fine and gross motor skills. Everyone's favourite activity has undoubtedly been Wii Sports, which has provided lots of fun while encouraging cooperation and friendly competition.

Another highlight of the term has been our Life Skills lessons in the community. The class has thoroughly enjoyed walks around the local area, visits to different parks, trips to the cinema, and shopping for classroom essentials. Pupils have also been practising their travel skills by taking the bus from school into town, helping to build their independence and confidence in real-life situations.

The class is extremely excited about our upcoming trip to Gulliver's World this week, which we are sure will be a fantastic experience for everyone.

We are proud of all the hard work, effort, and enthusiasm shown by Quartz class this term.



THE FORGE



During the final half-term, The Forge has completed a range of end-of-year assessments. They should be proud of the progress made during this time. We have made the most of the sunny weather and visited a number of Liverpool's best parks. The pupils had an excellent time Gulliver's World & are looking forward to Sports Day.

PERIDOT



It has been a busy term for Peridot, but a rewarding one too.

Lots of excellent schoolwork and learning, building positive friendships and becoming responsible young people. It has been a great time throughout. We have had lovely trips out to : Knowsley Safari Park. Blue Planet, B and M , and a highly enjoyable and successful Sports Day too plus lots of end of term fun and a Disco. Wishing you a happy and safe Summer holiday, we have all definitely earned it!

Take care, thank you and best wishes.

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SAPPHIRE



As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take a moment to celebrate all that Sapphire Class have accomplished and to say just how proud I am of every single child.

This year has been filled with hard work, determination, and memorable experiences. The children have shown tremendous growth in their learning; developing confidence and independence. They have embraced challenges, supported one another, and consistently demonstrated our school values both in and out of the classroom.

Some of our favourite memories have come from the exciting opportunities we have enjoyed beyond school. Our trip to Knowsley Safari Park gave the children the chance to learn about animals and habitats up close, while our visit to Speke Hall brought history to life and sparked lots of thoughtful discussion and curiosity. We have also loved exploring our local community through visits to nearby shops and cafés, where the children developed valuable life skills and learned more about the world around them.

What makes me most proud is the way the children have treated one another throughout the year. They have celebrated each other's successes, shown resilience when things have been challenging, and worked together as a supportive and respectful class team. These qualities are what truly make our class special.

I would also like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and partnership have played a huge role in helping the children achieve their best.

As the summer holidays begin, I hope everyone takes the opportunity to rest, relax and enjoy time with family and friends. The children should look back on this year with great pride.

They have achieved so much and created many wonderful memories along the way. Have an amazing summer!



Base

JADE



This summer term has been a busy and exciting one for Jade Class. We thoroughly enjoyed exploring *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare through sensory stories, which inspired some fantastic acting and character work from the pupils. In Computing, we used Bee-Bots to develop our early programming skills and enjoyed learning how to give clear instructions and solve problems. We have also continued to build our life skills and independence by making simple snacks, including delicious wrap pizzas. A special highlight was spending time with Lily the therapy dog, who brought lots of smiles and confidence to our class. The biggest highlight of all was our end-of-year trip to Blackpool Zoo, where we had a wonderful day exploring and learning about the animals. It has been a fun-filled and non-stop year with lots of learning, personal growth, and the development of new friendships. We wish everyone a lovely and well-deserved summer break!



6th form

What an incredible end to another wonderful year in Sixth Form! It has been a term filled with memorable experiences, outstanding achievements, and some very proud moments for students, staff, and families alike. Here is a look back at everything that has made this term so special.

Duke of Edinburgh Expedition



Our Duke of Edinburgh participants truly rose to the challenge this term, completing a fantastic 10-mile expedition across the West Pennine Moors – and what a trip it was! The group pushed their boundaries and tested their limits, yet every single student gave it absolutely everything and showed incredible determination throughout.

The weather was absolutely fantastic, which made the walking all the more enjoyable, and the teamwork shown by the group was truly amazing to see. Everyone played their part – students cooked together, kept their bunkhouse clean and tidy, and looked out for one another every step of the way. Evenings around the campfire with marshmallows rounded off each day perfectly and made for some brilliant memories. A wonderful achievement and something for everyone involved to feel very proud of.



A Fond Farewell to Our Leavers

This term we have said a fond farewell to a wonderful group of young people who leave us with our very warmest wishes. Every one of them has worked hard and grown enormously during their time in Sixth Form, achieving impressive results across Functional Skills, Employability, and Life Skills qualifications – a real testament to their effort and commitment.

Our Prom was a brilliant celebration to mark the occasion – everyone looked absolutely amazing and had a fantastic time together.

It was a truly joyful evening and a fitting send-off for such a special group. We wish all of our leavers every happiness and success in whatever comes next for them.



6th form

Celebration Assembly and Final Hotel Visits



Our celebration assembly and final hotel visits have been a lovely way to bring the year to a close. It has been wonderful to take the time to recognise the achievements of all our students – including our fantastic interns, who have been an absolute credit to the school. We are incredibly proud of every one of them and wish them all the very best as they move forward.



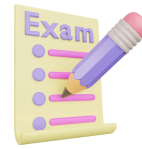
Travel Training

Travel training has continued to go from strength to strength this term. Students have been out and about exploring the city, including a visit to the Walker Art Gallery – an experience that certainly prompted some interesting discussions, with opinions on the art varying quite widely! We also made a brilliant trip out to West Kirby by train, enjoying a lovely day in the sunshine (if a little breezy!). Everyone navigated the journey brilliantly – not a wrong train boarded.



6th form

Exams — Well Done to All!



A huge well done to all students who have been completing their English and Maths examinations this term. It takes real courage and dedication to sit these exams, and every student who did so should feel incredibly proud. They have worked hard throughout the year and we wish them the very best of luck when their results come through. Fingers crossed!

Well done!



6th FORM BASE



For the end of year trip 6R went to slimeville in Liverpool city centre in which they made their own slime and had access to lots of fun activities in the centre. We wish the leavers the best of luck in the future and you will be missed! 💙



6th FORM BASE CONTINUED...

This term 6th for base have had their first introduction to the holiday inn, where the pupils were able to visit the hotel and see what goes on behind the scenes! They got to speak to different staff who are responsible for housekeeping, catering and maintenance and asked some amazing questions! Well done 6R. 😊



Supported Internship



6th form

In my school, I have a few friends.
When I'm sad, they help me mend.
We hang out and have a good laugh; 😊
My school has helped me get on the right path.
My teachers are good; they help me a lot.
Out in the community we go, learning skills for life.
The dining hall is where we hang out.
There are fights and not nice words being said.
Some students are getting angry, going red. 😡
Lunchtime clubs are on the go — sports and art we do.



I used to get involved, but now I have learned my lesson:
To stay away from negative behaviour and focus on my work,
Because I want to go to college and prove to myself I can do it.



I CAN DO IT

Home life can be noisy and loud —
Music, arguing — so I put on my sounds.
Drawing is the answer; it works for me,
It helps me feel calm and lets my mind be free.



With pencil and paper, I focus and grow,
Expressing my feelings and letting them flow.
No matter the challenge, I'll keep pushing through,
Believing in myself — I CAN DO IT, it's true.



A poem by Polly Robinson