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## Summer 2025

### Dear **Parents** and **Carers**

What a fantastic term and year it has been - full of amazing academic and enrichment activities organised by staff for all year groups! It always gives me great pleasure at this time of the year to share some of our final events with you.

With great weather, we were able to hold our annual sports days. Seeing so many students getting involved in a range of fun and competitive races was a delight to see. Each sports day was an opportunity for students to work together, build community and demonstrate pride through their sporting abilities. We thank all the PE department, form tutors, and the wider school staff for allowing these events to run successfully.

We have had so many successes on the sports field this year. This has included our Year 11 going out with a bang by winning the Merseyside Cup Final; and following defeat in the last two seasons, our Year 9 boys lifting the Sefton Cup. Our netball teams not to be outdone had another tremendous season on the courts. Year 8 were unbeaten in both the Sefton League and Sefton Tournament. Our 6th form netballers had one of our most successful yet, winning first place in both the Sefton and Liverpool School tournament.

An increasing number of individuals have been successful in securing opportunities to compete at regional and national levels in their respective sports and dance disciplines. Congratulations to all our students who have taken part in representing the school through sport, and thank you to all the staff who give hours of their time to make it happen. Also, a big thank you to the parents/cares who support their sons/daughters in attending training and competitions.

This term has been full of transition events, too. We have welcomed Year 5 students on their Taster days. The days give them an invaluable opportunity to see what it is like at secondary school and an insight into some of the different

subjects they will study when they go to secondary school. Our teachers were really impressed by how hard the Year 5s worked and how polite they were to each other and all that they worked with. We hope to meet them all again very soon for our Open Day and Open Events that will be taking place in September/October.

Our new Year 7 students joined us for the two day induction. They had a fantastic day learning about their new school, their timetable and the different ways they can be successful at secondary school. We hope they have a great last few weeks at primary and we look forward to seeing them in August for the fun packed week of summer school activities and on their first day at our school in September.

At the same time, we were sad to say goodbye to our Year 11 and 13 students who finished their secondary school experience with a range of events including two social evenings. After months of revision and intervention sessions, it was great to see them have a well-deserved fun night out with all their friends. We wish all our students who are moving on in Year 11 and 13 to pastures new success and happiness in their new places of study and work, and look forward to welcoming year 11 students who are returning to study with us in our Sixth Form. I look forward to seeing them in August when they receive their examination results.

A big thank you to the Duke of Edinburgh team who organised a range of expeditions across the North West for Year 9 and 12 students to complete their Bronze and Silver awards. On some very hot days, they persevered and kept up with the challenges set to them. We know that they valued the experience and many are continuing on next year to silver and gold. And lastly, our Gold expedition took on a huge challenge paddling a mammoth 100km from Preston on Wye to the outskirts of

Monmouthshire in some of the hottest conditions. They did a great job!

This week, we proudly celebrated the achievements of our Key Stage 3 students in our annual Awards ceremony. The event highlighted the hard work, progress, and dedication of pupils across Years 7, 8, and 9. Parents, carers, and staff gathered to honour students who have gone above and beyond in subjects ranging from English and maths to art, music, and science. Special awards also recognised our PRIDE values.

We congratulate all students for their perseverance and enthusiasm throughout the year, celebrating growth, character, and commitment. Well done to all our prizewinners and to the entire KS3 cohort for an inspiring year. We look forward to seeing what you achieve next!

As our school year comes to a close, we finished with our musical extravaganza, *Now That's What I Call Musicals!* This year's summer musical concert showcased summer concert incredible solos from *Hamilton* and *Little Shop of Horrors*. It was a spectacular night of talent filling the room with energy and joy. Well done to all the performers and the back room crew who made it happen and gave us a big send-off for our summer holidays.

I hope you and your families have a lovely Summer and we look forward to seeing you all back in September under the leadership of our new Headteacher, Mr Lawes.



Mr P Lindley,  
Headteacher

# Beach Safety

Reminding people of the dangers of swimming in open water.

The National Water Safety Forum says that each year, on average 400 people drown in the UK.

## Difficulties

No matter how inviting lakes, rivers, canals or ponds may appear in this hot weather, they represent a real danger, and even confident swimmers can get into difficulties very quickly.

Even with the high temperatures we're experiencing now, these bodies of water can be extremely cold, which can bring on shock and make swimming difficult. The Royal Life Saving Society UK says cold water shock can catch out even strong swimmers.

There may also be currents and hidden items or plants that can present a hazard to would-be bathers.

## Cold water shock

To survive cold water shock, the RNLI advises trying to just float for around 60 to 90 seconds, which is the time it takes for the effects of the cold water shock to pass and to regain control of your breathing. Leaning back in the water and keeping your airway clear is recommended while you try to keep calm and control your breathing levels.

You should then be in a better position to attempt to swim to safety or call for help.

People wanting to swim in the sea are recommended to go to Sefton's beaches at Ainsdale, Formby and Southport which all have RNLI lifeguards.

RNLI lifeguards are present all year round at Crosby beach, but is by no means a bathing beach. Signs warn visitors of the dangers of soft mud and gullies and incoming tides and indicate they should not enter the water.

## RNLI lifeguards



Swimming at a beach where there are RNLI lifeguards is safer although people still need to take care, stick to the safe area between the flags and keep a close eye on children at all times.

People can find out more information at [www.sefton.gov.uk/beaches](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/beaches) and [www.sefton.gov.uk/swimming](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/swimming)

## Safety tips

### Safety tips

Merseyside Fire and Rescue service recommend people follow these important safety tips near water:

- If you are going for a walk or run near water, stick to proper pathways and stay clear of the water's edge;
- Avoid walking or running near water in the dark, if it's slippery or in bad weather;
- If you've had alcohol or drugs don't enter the water; avoid walking alone and avoid routes near water;
- Don't enter the water to try to help a person or animal - always call 999 and use any water rescue equipment if it is available;
- If you are spending time near water - whether at home or abroad - make sure you are familiar with local safety information.





# THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Another hugely successful year at Chesterfield High school for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards.

A record 134 students completed the Bronze award over two weekends in May/June at Scarisbrick Hall. It was challenging conditions as the students had to walk 9 miles with heavy backpacks before putting up tents and cooking food.

The sing song around the campfire was legendary. I think the girls just about won it this year.

The silver practice award took place last weekend. Students are preparing for the expedition in the South Lakes in September, and hopefully they will get some nice weather as they are camping for two nights.

The Gold students were on their expedition last week and headed off to Symonds Yat (near Monmouth) on Sunday morning. They spent Sunday practising on the river Wye, before starting the gold expedition on Monday morning. They canoed a mammoth 100km, from Preston on Wye to the outskirts of Monmouth! They did a great job!

Thanks to all the staff and parents who helped and supported the Duke of Edinburgh awards this year.



## Geography fieldtrip

In June, our Year 12 Geography students braved the blustery coastal winds for a fieldtrip to Ainsdale Beach to investigate sand dune succession. Armed with quadrats and ranging poles, students explored the dynamic dune system, observing changes in vegetation and soil composition from the embryo dunes to the mature woodland. Despite the windy weather,

spirits were high, and the students gathered valuable data to support their A-Level coursework. The trip provided an excellent opportunity to experience physical geography in action and deepened their understanding of coastal processes and ecological succession in a real-world context. Well done, Year 12!



# English: The Summer Term

This term, the English Faculty has been buzzing with creativity and engagement. We proudly took part in the National Literacy Trust's "Wicked Writers: Be the Change" competition, inspiring students to write with purpose and passion. Our new KS3 Poetry Club has taken off with enthusiastic participation, while the KS4 Set Text Film Club has brought literature to life through film. Pupils across all key stages have shown real dedication in developing their transactional and non-fiction writing skills. It's been a fantastic term of progress and participation, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the coming months.

At Chesterfield High School, we believe reading is a powerful way to relax, explore new ideas, and build essential skills. Our suggested summer reading list offers a range of engaging titles to suit all interests. Reading regularly over the break can boost vocabulary, improve focus, and keep minds active and inspired. Why not try some of our suggested titles: Happy Head Collection by Josh Silver, When Shadows Fall by Sita Brahmachari, The Mirror Drifters by DD Snow, Such Charming Liars series by Karen McManus, Escape Room by Christopher Edge.



## Poetry by Heart: Building on Success

The Poetry by Heart competition has been a huge success among Year 7 and 8. Since its launch, pupils have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, selecting personal poems to memorise and recite with passion.

Form time winners have joined a lunchtime poetry club which has become a lively space for expression, with students dedicating their free time to refining their performances. Their commitment has been inspiring, showcasing not only their passion for poetry but also their determination to succeed.

Pupils have received wonderful feedback and certificates for the competition and judges were overwhelmed by the quality of the submissions from our pupils. With such talent and dedication on display, the future of poetry at our school looks brighter than ever and we will build on their success as we look forward to more brilliant performances next academic year.



# Enriching Experiences: Theatre Trips Bring Literature to Life

This year, our students had the unique opportunity to experience literature beyond the classroom through a series of exciting theatre trips. From gripping drama to haunting morality tales, each performance brought core texts to life in unforgettable ways.

The journey began with *An Inspector Calls*, where students were captivated by the tension and mystery of J.B. Priestley's timeless social critique. The dramatic staging and powerful performances deepened their understanding of themes like responsibility and class.

Next came a festive yet thought-provoking visit to see *A Christmas Carol*. Dickens' classic tale was reimagined with striking visuals and moving performances, giving students a vivid sense of the novella's messages about redemption, generosity, and the spirit of Christmas.

Finally, A Level students witnessed the raw emotional intensity of W. Tennessee Williams' iconic play *A Street Car Named Desire* challenged them with its complex characters and themes of illusion, desire, and decline.

These trips which have not only enriched students' appreciation of literature, but also sparked insightful discussions, broadened perspectives, and strengthened their engagement with set texts. A truly memorable year learning enhanced by theatre!



## Spanish: Department Highlights

We're proud to celebrate Sarah N's amazing 4th place finish at the National Spanish Spelling Bee Finals in Cambridge, where she flawlessly spelled 21 words under pressure. Well done also to Daniel Renner and Amelie Gomes for representing us at the Regional Finals. ¡Qué orgullo!



In April, Year 10 GCSE Spanish students enjoyed a Film Studies day at Lancaster University, exploring Almodóvar's *Madres Paralelas* and discussing its themes both in English and Spanish. Meanwhile, another group visited the University of Manchester for a Languages Taster Day, where they subtitled a Mr Bean clip in Spanish and even tried beginner German—Es war sehr gut!



Last year's collaboration with the University of Liverpool continued this year with a project on language as a bridge and barrier. Our students presented their creative reflections confidently at the university, promoting empathy and inclusivity through language.

Finally, our Year 9s had a fantastic trip to the Costa Brava, soaking up sun, culture, and language—from beach volleyball and Barcelona's Gaudí landmarks to laser tag and exploring Girona.

Their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour made it a memorable experience. ¡Lo pasamos bomba!

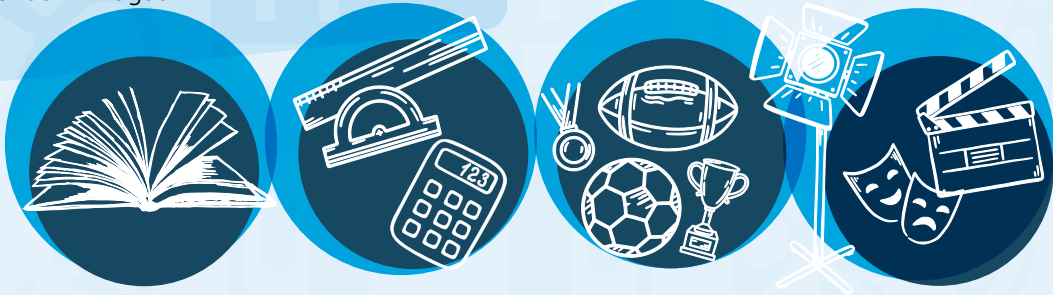


# New Beginnings

## Year 6 Induction

We welcomed our 310 new Year 7 students on Thursday 26th & Friday 27th June when they joined for their Induction days. Students enjoyed a packed day of activities with the form tutors in preparation for the first day on Tuesday 2nd September 2025.

This is a hugely important day for our new starters as they got the opportunity to meet with key staff who they will be working with throughout Year 7 and they got a taste of life at Chesterfield and what makes our students unique. We look forward to a jam packed Summer School in August.



## Year 5 Taster Days

We welcomed students from all Crosby primary schools to attend our Year 5 Taster Days this term. As a school we feel it is important for students to visit and spend time in as many secondary schools as possible before making that ever important decision at the start of Year 6.

The Year 5 students enjoyed a range of diverse activities during the day and organised fun yet challenging sessions including Spanish, Maths, PE & Drama.

## Year 7 SEN Transition Morning

At Chesterfield High School, we understand how important it is to ensure our new Year 7 students feel welcomed, supported and confident as they prepare to join our school community. That's why we were delighted to host a special Transition Morning for our new students with Special Educational Needs (SEN) this term, designed to help our incoming students settle in and become familiar with their new surroundings.

The morning began with a warm welcome from staff and student ambassadors, who were on hand to greet our new Year 7s with friendly faces and plenty of encouragement. After a short introduction, the students were taken on a guided tour of the school, giving them the opportunity to explore key areas such as classrooms, the sports facilities, and the dining areas. This helped them to feel more at ease with the layout of the school and gave them a taste of life at Chesterfield High.

As part of the morning, students took part in a carousel of taster lessons designed to spark curiosity and excitement about the year ahead. In English, they explored creative writing through fun activities that encouraged imagination and expression. In Maths, they solved puzzles and played number games to build confidence and teamwork.

One of the highlights of the morning was the Cooking lesson, where our new students rolled up their sleeves and got stuck into baking their very own cupcakes! Not only did they learn some valuable kitchen skills, but they also had a lot of fun – and left with a sweet treat to take home.

We look forward to welcoming all our students properly in September and watching them thrive as part of the Chesterfield High School community.



# Pastoral Update



We're fortunate to work closely with **Merseyside Police**, with **Safer Schools Officer PC Charlie Southern** visiting weekly to support students and staff. Recent assemblies have focused on 'Anti-Social Behaviour' and the impactful Operation Prospect, highlighting the importance of safety and responsible choices. Ahead of summer, students had their bikes marked and registered to prevent theft—thanks to PC Southern and team for providing this service.



The Amy Winehouse Foundation also delivered a vital workshop on the risks of vaping to our Year 8 students, encouraging them to make healthy choices.

## Team Around Schools Support

Sefton's new **Team Around the School** initiative offers families support from professionals in education, health, and early help, addressing concerns like speech development, family routines, health, and substance misuse. Please contact your child's Progress Leader for more information.



## Mental Health Workshop for Parents

Thanks to Mel and Kelli from **Sefton Mental Health Team** for an insightful workshop with Year 6 parents on supporting children's mental health during the transition to secondary school. Another session is planned for August 29th.

# Art Department:

## Summer Round-up

It's been a vibrant and creative final term in the Art Department! From exciting primary school workshops to inspiring community projects and after-school clubs bursting with imagination, our students and staff have truly shone this term. Here's a look at what we've been up to as we round off a fantastic year of artistic achievements!

### Inspiring Creativity Across the Community

This term, Miss Heyes led art workshops at Valewood Primary, inspiring Year 1 and 3 pupils with colour and mark-making. Meanwhile, our GCSE and A Level Art, Photography, and Textiles students showcased outstanding, bold projects during final moderation — well done to all!

Year 9 Art Club has been working enthusiastically on a community project for Coronation Park, bringing creativity to public spaces. Year 7 Art Club, led by Miss Heyes and Miss Barry, fostered imagination through experimental drawing and collaborative work.

Meanwhile, Miss Adams' Year 8 Textiles Club has been developing skills in embroidery and fabric art.

It's been a fantastic term of creativity and community — excited for what's next!



# Sports Review



celebrating  
**sporting excellence**  
and **team spirit**

## Football Highlights

### Year 7 Boys Football Team

This year marked an exciting start for our Year 7 footballers in their first season together. From training to the final whistle, they showed great progress, passion, and perseverance.

A highlight was their impressive National Cup win against Lathom High School, demonstrating true resilience and teamwork.

Congratulations to all players—your hard work and positive attitude made this season a success. We can't wait to see what's next!



### Year 8 Football Highlights

It's been a fantastic year for our Year 8 footballers, full of memorable moments and strong performances. The A Team reached both the Sefton and Merseyside Cup Finals—an impressive feat. Meanwhile, the B Team showed great development, reaching the National Cup quarter-finals and enjoying a memorable trip to Tyneside.

Over 100 students competed in the Year 8 Interform Football Competition, with 8H narrowly beating 8C 1-0 to claim the trophy.

Well done to all players for your hard work—we can't wait to see what next season brings!



### Year 9 Boys Football Team

The Year 9 Chesterfield High football team had their best season yet, overcoming tough losses in the National and Merseyside Cups. In the Sefton Cup Final, they faced Maricourt—who had beaten them twice before—and delivered their best performance to finally lift the trophy. This victory marks a proud moment and the start of many more successes. Congratulations to the entire squad!



### Year 10 Football Team – Our Most Successful Season Yet!

This year has been the most successful yet for the Year 10 Chesterfield High football team. They showed growing chemistry, sharp tactics, and great work ethic throughout the season.

Though narrowly missing out in the Sefton Cup on penalties and in the Merseyside Cup semi-final, the team's resilience and passion never wavered.

Their steady progress and unity promise silverware soon. Well done to all players for their skill, commitment, and sportsmanship — the school is proud, and we look forward to even greater achievements in Year 11.

### Year 11 Football Team – A Legendary Legacy

We celebrate the most successful team in our history.

Over five incredible years, this group has achieved what most only dream of:

- National Cup Final appearance (Year 8)
- Three Merseyside Cup titles
- Three Sefton Cup wins

These honours reflect their talent, commitment, and teamwork from day one.

Last week they completed their success by winning The Merseyside Cup Final! Thank you, Year 11s, for the memories, the trophies, and the legacy. You've set the bar—and made us all proud.

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# Netball Round-up

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## Year 7 Netball Team – A Stellar 2024-25 Season!

From their first match in September to their final game this spring, the Year 7 Netball team showed outstanding determination, skill, and teamwork. They quickly bonded, becoming a confident and cohesive squad. Dominating the league with an unbeaten run, they clinched the Sefton League title and finished as runners-up in a highly competitive Sefton Tournament – their only loss of the season.

Their success was built on commitment, resilience, and support for one another, consistently playing with energy, precision, and sportsmanship. This remarkable debut season has laid a strong foundation, and we're excited to see what they achieve next.

Well done, Year 7 Netball – an exceptional team in every way!

## Year 8 Netball Team – A Season to Remember!

The Year 8 Netball team has set the bar high this season, combining outstanding skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship from start to finish. Unbeaten in both the Sefton League and Sefton Tournament, they dominated every game with focus, energy, and unity.

Their strong bond and versatility made them a force on court, with most players able to switch positions effortlessly. Special congratulations to Lilly Hudson and Zara Wilkinson, who earned places at Kingsway Power Netball Club – a testament to their talent and dedication.

Through every match, the team showed resilience, adaptability, and a deep love for the game. We're incredibly proud of their success and excited for what's ahead.

Well done, Year 8 Netball – you've been outstanding ambassadors for the sport and the school!



## Year 9 Netball Team – A Season of Success and Growth!

The Year 9 Netball Team has had an outstanding season, showcasing talent, dedication, and true teamwork throughout. With several new players joining this year, it was great to see how quickly they integrated—bringing energy, skill, and a strong work ethic to the squad.

The team had a fantastic league campaign, finishing as champions with just one loss. They also secured impressive second-place finishes in both the Sefton Schools Tournament and the Sefton & Liverpool Tournament, narrowly missing out on first by just one goal.

Their resilience, adaptability, and unity have been a highlight of the season. Congratulations, Year 9 Netball – you've had a brilliant year, and we're excited to see what comes next!

## Year 10 Netball Team – Strong Performers with Great Determination!

The Year 10 Netball Team has had a fantastic season, combining skill, passion, and dedication. Their commitment to training and teamwork has driven their success and development throughout the year.

They finished 1st in the Sefton League and earned 2nd place in both the Sefton & Liverpool Schools Tournament and the Sefton Tournament – narrowly missing the top spot by just one goal. Their resilience and unity stood out in every match.

A special shoutout to the players selected for the Adults Liverpool League—an amazing achievement that highlights their talent.

Well done, Year 10 Netball Team! You've made us proud and set the stage for even more success next season.

## Year 11 Netball Team – A Season of Pride

As the 2024–25 season ends, we celebrate the Year 11 Netball Team's incredible journey. With 2nd place finishes in both the Liverpool and Sefton Schools Tournaments, their near-perfect run—losing only one game by a single goal—showcased their talent and competitive spirit.

This team has been consistently outstanding since Year 7, growing through hard work, leadership, and a deep love for the game. Their unity and resilience have made them a joy to watch and a credit to the school.

With many players staying on for Sixth Form, we're excited to build a new U18s team next season. For those moving on, your legacy will continue to inspire.

Well done, Year 11 – you've made your mark.

## 6th Form Netball Team – Champions of the Double!

The 2024-25 season has been one of our most successful yet, with a talented Year 12 and 13 combined team. Our 6th form Netball team won first place in both the Sefton and Liverpool Schools tournaments, going undefeated and showing impressive skill and teamwork.

Many players also compete in the Liverpool Women's League, gaining valuable experience that has boosted the team's overall level. This year, we also entered the Merseyside National School Netball Tournament, facing tough regional competition with great determination.

Well done to all players for making this inaugural 6th form Netball season truly memorable!



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# Rugby Review

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## Year 7 Rugby

What a fantastic season for our Year 7 rugby team! From autumn training to the final match, the boys showed dedication, enthusiasm, and steady improvement. Highlights included strong wins against Maghull and Deyes High Schools, showcasing their teamwork and confidence.

Despite a tough loss to Birkdale, their resilience and spirit were impressive. Although the Sefton tournament was cancelled, the season's fixtures proved how much they've grown.

We're excited for next year's Lancashire competitions—well done, boys, your hard work is paying off!

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## Year 8 & 9 Rugby Team

As the season ends, we're proud of our Year 8 and 9 rugby teams for their commitment and growth. After a tough start against Lancashire Cup winners Audenshaw, the boys bounced back with strong wins, including a standout victory over Irlam and Caddishead.



Tough losses to Outward Academy Haydock and a narrow defeat to Birkdale showed their grit and progress. Squad growth and strong team unity have been highlights this year, with new players bringing energy and leaders emerging.

Well done, lads—excited for what's next season!

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## Chesterfield U16 Rugby: A Remarkable Journey Comes to a Close

This season, the Year 11 rugby team competed in last year's postponed Year 10 final, narrowly missing the title against St Thomas Ripley. They then reached the Lancashire Cup final—an impressive third consecutive final for the U16s—after a semi-final walkover.

Though they didn't win the final against AKS Lytham, their performance earned praise for remarkable determination and defense. They made history as Chesterfield's first team to compete in the Lancashire Cup, achieving great success despite most players only having school-level experience.

We're proud of their achievements, friendships, and legacy that will last a lifetime.



# Gymnastics



As the year ends, we're proud to celebrate an amazing season for our Gymnastics Club. From fundraising a cake sale for new leotards to competing in Chesterfield's first-ever BSGA regional competition, our students showed commitment, talent, and teamwork.

We entered four teams, placing between 6th and 9th, reflecting their hard work and sportsmanship. The year ended with a fantastic showcase, where families enjoyed routines full of strength and grace.

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# Badminton

This year, Chesterfield High's Badminton Club has thrived, engaging around 40 students from Years 7–9 in a fun and competitive environment.

Twelve dedicated players represented the school in matches against St Michaels and Maghull, going undefeated versus St Michaels and winning the overall competition against Maghull.

The club's success reflects the students' commitment and the supportive atmosphere, and we look forward to growing both recreational and competitive players next year.

# Athletics Season Recap

Chesterfield's athletics teams had an incredible year, with great achievements across all age groups and events, showing determination and team spirit.

At the Sefton Year 7 & 8 event at Edge Hill University, Chesterfield dominated—coming 1st overall and winning every category (Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls).



At the prestigious Sefton Division 1 Championships in Wavertree, the girls' teams excelled with two 1st places and a 2nd, helping Chesterfield finish 2nd overall. The boys' teams also impressed, finishing 3rd overall.

This success reflects the hard work and dedication of all athletes and staff. Thanks to everyone who supported the season—we're excited for even more in 2026! **Well done, Chesterfield!**



# Dance Highlights and Partnerships

This year's Equality and Diversity Concert featured a specially choreographed dance by Miss Ledgerton, performed by a masterclass group of Year 7 and 8 dancers. The piece blended Contemporary, Tap, and Street styles, rehearsed twice weekly.

KS4 students enjoyed inspiring theatre trips to Chicago and Hamilton at the Empire Theatre, with unique experiences including live orchestra, backstage Q&As, and free programmes.

Year 10 performed Alice in Wonderland at the Wally Cain Dance Festival, while we bid farewell to 21 Year 11 BTEC dancers—many heading to dance colleges or continuing in Sixth Form, with hopes of future involvement in school productions.

Our dance outreach continued through partnerships with local schools:

- At Valewood Primary, Year 4 created an Egyptian-themed dance for their summer fair.
- Waterloo Primary's Year 5 performed Street dance at the Equality and Diversity Concert for the first time.
- Forefield Infant Year 1 explored animal-inspired movements, while Forefield Juniors Year 6 learned dances through the decades, developing their own choreography and confidence.



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**We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the local companies who have generously sponsored our school teams this year.**

Your support has made a real difference, allowing us to purchase brand new kits that our players wear with pride. Not only do these kits help our teams look smart and feel united, but they also represent the strong community spirit that surrounds our school. Your investment in our students is truly appreciated, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support.

# Expressive Arts Round-up

The final term has been packed with creativity and achievement for the Expressive Arts team. Our production of *The Lion King* was a huge success thanks to our dedicated cast and crew. The Art Department, led by Miss Weights (who leaves us this year), crafted over 20 lifelike animal headdresses, some now displayed or donated to local schools. Costume wizard Mrs. Molyneux created over fifty outfits and — though she says this is her last show — we hope she stays involved!

The Music Department delivered a stunning *Now That's What I Call Musicals!* summer concert, showcasing incredible solos from *Hamilton* and *Little Shop of Horrors*, filling the room with energy and joy.

Drama students worked hard too: Year 11 created original pieces on themes like knife crime and family roles; Year 10 completed their first unit studying *Home*, a verbatim theatre piece on homeless youth; and Year 12 performed Jim Cartwright's *Two*, impressively growing their skills. Year 9's drama option remains hugely popular, with students and older years preparing for a London trip to see West End shows and join professional workshops.

With such talent and dedication, we're excited for what next year's Expressive Arts will bring!



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