

High Notes



Friday 7th September

Issue 1



Fresh Year's Fair Target Setting

On Wednesday, after what was hopefully an enjoyable summer break, we welcomed students back to school, along with a number of new students in Year 7 and Year 12. Students in Years 7 - 11 followed a programme of induction activities which included some time in the 'Fresh Year's Fair' held in the Olympic Hall.

The purpose of the activity was for students to visit the eight Wider Curriculum stands and complete their action card recording a target for each area. Targets were specific to each of the Wider Curriculum areas (see photo above) and included targets such as: ask teachers about how their subject links to different careers (Aspirations); listen to others more (Respect); reduce my screen time in the evening (Wellbeing) and attend an after school sports activity. Students engaged with the activity in a very mature and focused way. There was also the opportunity to note which extra curricular clubs are taking place this year as well as speaking to Matthew Williamson from Wilmslow Youth.

We look forward to seeing students working towards achieving their targets this year!

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Aspirations Questionnaires

All students from Year 7 - 13 have been asked to complete a short aspirations questionnaire. This will help us to support them in finding relevant opportunities and help them to achieve their ambitions. More information on the questionnaires can be found via this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ychxkddx>

Year 10 - Key Stage 4 Course Changes

Some students have expressed that they would like to change their chosen choices following the summer break. We cannot guarantee that any changes can be made at this time, as the timetable is now fixed and groups have been arranged. However, should you son/daughter wish to make a change, a written request or e-mail from a parent/carer should be sent to Mr P Jones, Careers Coordinator: pjones@wilmslowhigh.com.



Aspire High: Civil Engineering

Tuesday, 11th September 3.20-4pm

Civil engineers design and manage construction projects, this could be:

- structural (dams, buildings, offshore platforms and pipelines)
- transportation (roads, railways, canals and airports)
- environmental (water supply networks, drainage and flood barriers)
- maritime (ports, harbours and sea defences)
- geotechnical (mining, earthworks and construction foundations)



Rhys Phillips, ex-WHS pupil, will be here to tell you about his experience in accessing this competitive area and to help you decide if this is a future career that will be suited to you.

Area	Month	Date	Time
Civil Engineering	September	Tue 11th	3.20-4pm
Medicine	September	Tue 18th	3.20-4pm
Chemistry	October	Tue 2nd	3.20-4pm

Sign up here:

Firefly → Resources → Wider Curriculum

→ Aspirations

Civil Engineering – Tue 11th September

Our first encounter will be led by Rhys Phillips, former Wilmslow High Student. Please encourage any students, who would like to find out more about this field, to attend.

Aspire High Encounters

Our Aspire High programme invites students from all year groups to meet with professionals representing a range of careers. The encounters are designed to inform, inspire and support students in achieving their aspirations.

Aspirations
Do more, be more: aim high!

Aspire High Aspirational Encounters 2018-19



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Civil Engineering	September	Tue 11th	3.20-4pm
Medicine	September	Tue 18th	3.20-4pm
Chemistry	October	Tue 2nd	3.20-4pm
Engineering	November	Tue 20th	3.20-4pm
Law	December	Tue 11th	3.20-4pm
Police	January	Tue 22nd	3.20-4pm
Accountancy	February	Tue 12th	3.20-4pm
NHS careers	March	Tue 26th	3.20-4pm
Science	April	Tue 30th	3.20-4pm
Computer Game Design	May	Tue 14th	3.20-4pm

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New Mobile Phone Policy

As detailed at the end of the last academic year, we have now implemented a new approach to mobile phones for students at school. We have been very pleased how the vast majority of students have started the new year in relation to the new phone policy. Thank you for your support with this. Here is a reminder of the new approach as promoted before the summer:

As a community we feel that school being a sanctuary from mobile phone usage will promote a happier and healthier school in the longer term. Therefore from September mobile phones should not be seen on the school site. They should be **switched off and kept out of sight once students enter the perimeter gates at the start of the day.**

Mobile phones and associated paraphernalia e.g. headphones, chargers etc. should not be seen whilst moving between lessons, at break time, lunchtime, during lessons or tutor time.

The school recognises the importance of emerging technologies present in modern mobile phones and that students may wish to bring them at parents' discretion for safety purposes. Parents are reminded that the first point of contact should be Student Services. Teachers may wish to utilise these functions to aid teaching and learning and students will have the opportunity to use these at the direct instruction of the class teacher.

Please see the table for directed times that mobile phones can/cannot be acceptably used.

Students who infringe the rules will have their phone confiscated and sent to Student Services immediately. Phones will be kept in named envelopes in the Student Services safe. On the first infringement, the mobile phone will be confiscated; the student will be

able to collect their mobile phone at the end of the school day and behaviour points will be issued. Persistent offenders: parents will be contacted and asked to collect the phone at their earliest convenience.

Students arguing with any member of staff over a mobile phone infringement will be dealt with very seriously. Members of staff have been asked to implement the policy consistently and therefore there should be no cause for argument.

The full set of expectations will be published in the planner (please click for further information <https://tinyurl.com/y8atpupk>) and acknowledged through the parent and student signing the home school agreement.

	PRE SCHOOL From 8:00am to 8:40am	On entry to school	FORM TIME	BREAK TIME	LESSON	MOVEMENT	LUNCH TIME	STUDY PERIOD	END OF THE DAY 3:10pm to 4:30pm
7-11	High Options only	X	X	X	Only to support learning	X	In designated year group zones	Not applicable	Not in building But acceptable outside building
6 TH FORM	High Options and 6 th form learning area	X	X	High Options and 6 th form learning area	Only to support learning	X	High Options and 6 th form learning area	High Options and 6 th form learning area	Not in building But acceptable outside building

- Key for above; x = not acceptable to be seen at any time with phone.

We thank you in advance for your continued support in ensuring our school encourages a positive learning environment and you are able to make the necessary adjustments along with your son/daughter for September 2018.

Income related free school meals

Your child or children can receive a Free School Meal if you, your partner or the child is receiving one of the benefits below:

- **Income support (IS)**
- **Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA(IB))** - Not JSA(Contribution based)
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))**
- support under **part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Child Tax Credit**, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of **State Pension Credit**.
- **Universal Credit**

If you have recently become unemployed or have reduced your working hours and have been granted the four week working tax credits run on, then you may be entitled to free school meals. Please call our Schools Team on 0300 123 5012 for advice.

It should be noted that children who receive "*education suitable for children who have not attained compulsory school age*" will still need to satisfy the additional requirement of "*receiving education both before and after the lunch period*", before being eligible to receive free school meals.

How to claim for free school meals or pupil premium

- Please complete the application form
http://cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx
- Phone 0300 123 5012

We will use the Government eligibility checker to confirm your entitlement; if successful your claim can begin the same day. If your claim is not successful or if we need you to send more proof we will contact you by phone or email, your entitlement will only begin once this information is provided.

Your in-school contact for any questions or information related to Pupil Premium Funding or Free School Meals is Mrs Lindsay Challis: 01625 444159 email: Ichallis@wilmslowhigh.com.

USEFUL LINKS

- Extra-curricular activities: <http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/curriculum/xtra-curricular-programmes/>
- Previous issues of High Notes: <http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/?p=2239>
- Letters sent from school: <http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/?p=2043>
- Examination timetable: <http://tinyurl.com/jsh2qkn>
- Sports X-tra timetable: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7yaa69>

Online payments for school meals & educational visits

The majority of Year 7 students have had their thumbs scanned in High Options and are accessing school meals without any issue. Some students have found that their school meals account have not been credited with funds. Although accounts can be credited by cash on the day, the queues at this time of the year are typically long for this and parents are reminded that the most robust way of ensuring that students have credit on their school meal accounts is by topping up using our online payments provider ParentPay (www.parentpay.com).

ParentPay activation letters were sent out in July to all who have now joined us for Year 7 and, if you have not yet activated your account, we would urge you to do so. Replacement activation letters for students can be requested from finance@wilmslowhigh.com (please include your child's full name and form group). Apart from topping up school meal funds, a ParentPay account can be used to review the food purchasing habits of your child and is the default method of receiving contributions for educational visits.

A help leaflet and FAQs dealing with school meals and online payments can be found on the school website here: <http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/parents/school-meals/cashless-catering-faq/>

NEWS



Site Improvements

The new school year also starts in a mood of celebration for an excellent set of examination results and the feel good factor associated with the completion of the latest programme of substantial capital investment funded by a Government grant through Cheshire East Council. Over the summer a range of external contractors and our site team have worked on enlarging and modernising the toilet facilities in the Geography and Maths areas, adding two new classrooms in the Geography area, replacing the 1960s windows in the three-storey block overlooking the Clock Courtyard and installing new and upgraded ICT suites in Design and Technology and Media Studies. All of this in addition to normal programme of painting, maintenance and refreshing that occurs at this time of year. We are delighted with the improvements, as are the students, particularly the Student Council, who were consulted and involved in the design of the new toilets.

There are a number of other development projects that we will be fundraising for over the course of this year through our 'Parent Partners' programme (more information to follow in next week's issue). One way in which parents can help is by purchasing a ticket in our new Lotto. The more support we receive the more enriching opportunities and experiences we will be able to provide for your children.



Young Writers' Competition

Last summer, a number of KS3 and KS4 students across Cheshire entered a creative writing competition in which they had to use their imagination to create a mini saga. The best were chosen and published in a book entitled 'Stranger Sagas: Cheshire Tales'.

Congratulations go to the 33 students from Wilmslow High who can now claim to be published writers and who are still in with a chance of winning £250 for the best overall mini saga (revealed later this month)! A copy of Stranger Sagas will be on display in the LRC.



CALENDAR

Week commencing Monday 10th September 2018

Day/date	Time	Venue	Activity
Tuesday 11th September	3.20-4.20pm Period 1 and 2	LRC Sports Hall	Aspire Hire - Civil Engineering event Year 7 GL transition tests
Wednesday 12th September	Period 1 and 2 1.20-3.00pm 6.30-7.30pm	Sports Hall Sports Hall Main Hall	Year 7 GL transition tests Sixth Form Opportunities Fair Year 8 Expectations evening
Thursday 13th September	Period 1 and 2 6.30-7.30pm	Sports Hall Main Hall	Year 7 GL transition tests Year 12 Expectations evening

Week commencing Monday 17th September 2018

Day/date	Time	Venue	Activity
Tuesday 18th September	3.20 - 4.20pm 6.30 - 7.30pm	LRC Main Hall	Aspire High - Medicine Event Year 9 Expectations evening
Wednesday 19th September	6.30 - 7.30pm	Main Hall	Year 10 Expectations evening
Thursday 20th September	6.30 - 7.30pm	Main Hall	Year 11 Expectation evening

Fixtures week commencing 8th September 2018

DATE	OPPONENTS	1st	2nd	3rd/U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	SPORT
08-Sep-18	St Ambrose School	A	A		H	H	H a&b	Training	RUGBY
10-Sep-18	Kirkham Grammar School				H				TENNIS
12-Sep-18	The Grange School				A	A			RUGBY
12-Sep-18	AESG	H			H	H	H a&b	H a&b	NETBALL
12-Sep-18	The Grange School	A							GIRLS HOCKEY
12-Sep-18	All Hallows	A	A						FOOTBALL
15-Sep-18	Altrincham Grammar School	H	H		A	A	A a&b	H a&b	RUGBY
15-Sep-18	Arnold KEQMS			A		A	A	A	GIRLS HOCKEY



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