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Cheshire Youth Commission on Police and Crime

Congratulations to Joseph Vale, Year 9, who has been accepted as a representative for the Cheshire Youth Crime Commission on Police and Crime. The Youth Commission enables young people to support, challenge and inform the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, David Keane. The project allows young people to get involved and have their say about policing and crime where they live, providing ideas

and challenges on current issues.

Between April 2017 and February 2018, Joseph will:

- join a new Youth Independent Advisory Group, providing advice from a youth perspective on policing policies and strategies
- work on special topics such as relations with the police, reducing youth offending, drug abuse etc.
- gather the views of other young people
- plan interactive events to engage other young people and partner agencies and help run these events where possible
- report back to the Police and Crime Commissioner, presenting conclusions drawn on the analysis of information gathered from young people
- help to host the Youth Commission Conference in February 2018

Following a successful pilot project, Cheshire Youth Commission is being developed and expanded over the coming year in order to allow young people across the communities in Cheshire to inform decisions about policing and crime prevention in the region.

This is a brilliant opportunity for Joseph to gain new knowledge, skills and experiences for his future CV, as well as contributing to a very worthwhile initiative. Members of the Youth Commission will help to inform police awareness and strategy for our area.

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Key Stage 4/5 Awards Evening

Just under 100 students and their families attended a night of celebration on Thursday evening. Students were rewarded for their efforts and achievements in the formal and wider curriculum as well as their contribution to supporting and developing the school community.

Congratulations to all of the students involved.





Autism Awareness Week 2017

On the final week of the spring term, it was National Autism Awareness Week. Autism is a big part of Wilmslow High School as we support many students with (and without) a diagnosis of ASC (Autistic Spectrum Condition) as well as being one of only two Secondary ASC Resource Provisions for Cheshire East.

“Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how people perceive the

world and interact with others. Autistic people see, hear and feel the world differently to other people. If you are autistic, you are autistic for life; autism is not an illness or disease and cannot be ‘cured’. Often people feel being autistic is a fundamental aspect of their identity.

Autism is a spectrum condition. All autistic people share certain difficulties, but being autistic will affect them in different ways. Some autistic people also have learning disabilities, mental health issues or other conditions, meaning people need different levels of support. All people on the autism spectrum learn and develop. With the right sort of support, all can be helped to live a more fulfilling life of their own choosing.” - NAS April 2017



Due to the generosity of local firms, donating prizes: John Potts Electrical Contractors Ltd, Rainbow Balloons and Macclesfield Lock and Safe, various fundraising events took place throughout the week, including a balloon race and chocolate hamper raffle. Students had presentations in registration about what it is like to have autism and how they can help our students who have this hidden disability, or gift as we like to call it. We showed videos and put up displays to help raise awareness for Autism.

The week ended with the students and parents from the Resource having a Forest School session and afternoon tea. The students were able to show their parents a Forest School session and demonstrated for both parents and staff alike, how to light a fire with a fire striker.



We then had afternoon tea in the Resource Base where we all ate cakes and sandwiches made and donated by students, staff and Tesco.

We all had a great time and managed to raise £215 in total which will be donated to the local charity, SPACE4Autism. If you would like to find out any more about Autism, please visit the NAS website: <http://www.autism.org.uk/>



Design & Technology

Miss Speed would like to congratulate the students in her design & technology group 8DT13. This year they have successfully made a neatly embroidered skull torch including e-textiles and conductive threads to power a circuit, as well as soldering and programming a circuit board to make a USB powered lamp.



This term they have learnt about sustainability and recycled old hard wood from science desks

into a professionally finished passive speaker. The class have worked hard in every project, well done!



Your help needed please

I have been a volunteer for 'When You Wish Upon a Star' for over two years. I have been inspired to cut my hair for children battling life limiting illnesses. I have seen so many brave children and have been touched by

their stories. It's been amazing to see what this charity do for the children and they

need all the funding they can get so please, please, please donate as much as you can!! I will be donating my hair to the 'Little Princess Trust' who create wigs for children who lose their hair due to their medical conditions. To read more about both charities please click the links below. Thank you so much for reading and all of your support!! - Ellie Harris (11TJM)

<http://www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk/>
<http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/about-us/>



Visit to CERN

On Saturday 1st April, 33 sixth form students visited CERN in Geneva, one of the world's largest and most respected centres for scientific research.

The main purpose of our visit was to find out about the research currently being carried out at CERN, where the particle accelerators and detectors used are some of the best in the world. This was an excellent enrichment experience for our sixth form students, as it not only complemented the A level course but also provided an opportunity to see how physics works in the real world. CERN

has also made a number of headlines in recent years for its work on how the universe began and the discovery of a number of new particles, making the visit even more exciting.

The visit to CERN only constituted a small part of our visit to Geneva. We also saw the Jet D'Eau, visited the old town, the cathedral, the local science museum and the UN - a spectacular building with such an historic and profound purpose, which was not lost on the students. Geneva also allowed some of our students (and even Mr Rushton!) the chance to practise their French!

All in all, the visit was very successful and we hope to visit Geneva again next year.

NOTES



Parenting Tools & Discussion **6 Monday evening sessions, 5th June – 10th July**

During the summer term, Wilmslow Youth will be running a parenting course called 'Parentalk', which will be open to any parents of Wilmslow High students.

Parentalk is a fantastic course created by 'Care for the Family', and it's all about helping mums and dads do the best job they can as they navigate these years with their teenager. It's a relaxed, informal course giving you the opportunity to talk about the day-to-day challenges you face, as well as sharing the things that are going well.

This course are not just for parents who are experiencing struggles at home, but rather for anyone who would like to add to their parenting 'toolbox' and both share and receive tips and advice from other parents.

The total cost of the course is £15 per person, or £25 per couple.
For more details, or to register for the course, please email
hello@wilmslowyouth.com



PREPARATION FOR EXAMINATIONS

As you will be aware, the examination season is almost upon us. Here are some of the activities that we are providing to support our students.

- **A range of subject clinics and revision sessions** . Further details can be found at this link: <http://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/tutor-group-activities/year-11-fortnight-ahead>
- **Exam Thursdays:** an opportunity for students to practise sitting exam papers in exam conditions
- **Progress Labs: an opportunity to complete homework and/or revision tasks in a quiet environment with the support of staff**
<http://www.wilmslowhigh.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Progress-Lab.jpg>
- **Details on apps** that our students are recommending to help with revision – further details can be found at this link:
<http://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/tutor-group-activities/revision-apps>
- **Details for effective revision strategies.** Further details can be found at this link:
<http://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/key-stage-3-and-4/advice-about-effective-revision-and-learning>



Exam technique is also crucial. Students getting their timing of questions right is an important part of effective exam technique so we are recommending that all of our students ensure that they have a watch (NOT a smart watch) that they are getting into the habit of using in exam practice now so that they are well prepared.

A reminder to Year 11 parents that the following important information went out with students last week:

- **Personalised exam timetables**
- **Personalised Maths and English Actions**
- **A letter with exam preparation arrangements for this half term**
- **A letter about Leavers' Hoodies**

A copy of the letter regarding exam preparation arrangements for this half term can be found at the link below:

PROGRESS ASSEMBLIES

This week, as part of their exam preparation, Year 11 had an assembly on the 'marginal gains' that they can make by focusing on exam technique. There is a link to this assembly below:

<https://tinyurl.com/mk4mejq>

Year 7-10 students had an assembly on some interesting features of progress on Wilmslow High School and two key strategies that can make a big difference to effective learning. There is a link to this assembly below:

<https://tinyurl.com/mfua7ml>

SPORT

Cricket

The junior cricket season kicked off last weekend with four games against Altrincham Grammar School for Boys. A competitive but tough fixture, we only managed to win one out of the four with the U12's impressing in their first game but there were signs of promise across the board.

Highlights:

U12s

Will Espley 32* and Max Davidson 31* both batted fantastically before being retired. Tom Long bowled excellently, with figures of 3 – 5.

U12s

Henry James batted well for his 41.

U14s

Josh Fish and James Davidson made good impressions with the bat. Joseph Day finished with figures of 5 – 15 with help from some great catching.



Football

This week has seen the culmination of the Macclesfield & District cup competitions, with Wilmslow featuring prominently across the board.

On Tuesday, the U14 boys travelled to All Hallows and despite the testing conditions, put in an impressive second half performance to win 3-0. Joe Lomas was man of the match with some fantastic saves, whilst Kyle Campbell, Gabriel Araujo and Lilian Samba came up with the important goals to help clinch the cup.

The U13 boys (right) were also in action, playing host to Fallibroome in their own final. Our boys made the most of the bigger than usual pitch and dealt with the freezing cold and wet conditions well, running out 7-1 winners in the end. Striker Dan Rodriguez helped himself to four goals whilst Lewis Bostock scored a hatrick and had a hand in a couple of others.

On Wednesday night it was the turn of our U16 boys who welcomed All Hallows to school in what was to be their final junior football match at the high school. The match was tight, with the Wilmslow boys spurning a host of early chances and going in 2-2 at the break. In the second half their quality on the ball proved to be the difference as they went on to win 6-3 and be crowned Macclesfield & District champions once again.



Tennis

The junior boys tennis season got underway on Tuesday, with St Ambrose making the short trip over. At Year 7 and 8 it proved to be very competitive, with Wilmslow A's winning 4 matches to 2 overall and St Ambrose B's winning 5 matches to 1. At Year 9 and 10 Wilmslow proved to be too strong, with Nick Bradley, Finlay Michaelis, Matt French and Miles Aitken winning 6-0, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1 respectively. They then went on to win the doubles comfortably and so take the tie 6 matches to 0.



At senior level, the boys travelled to Newcastle under Lyme in the Glanvil cup. The team of Jan Ali- Simoen, James Graham, Mike Armstrong and Finley Aitken won 6 matches to 0 in an extremely convincing win.

Results week commencing 22nd April 2017

DATE	OPPONENTS	1ST	U15	U14A	U13A	U12A	U13B	U12B	SPORT
22-Apr-17	ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR		lost	lost	lost	won			CRICKET
25-Apr-17	FALLIBROOME				won 3-0				BOYS FOOTBALL
25-Apr-17	ST AMBROSE		won 6-0		won 4-2		won 5-1		TENNIS
25-Apr-17	ALL HALLOWS			won 7-1					BOYS FOOTBALL
26-Apr-17	NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME	won 6-0							TENNIS
26-Apr-17	T20 NorthWest Comp @ Liverpool College	A							CRICKET
26-Apr-17	TYTHERINGTON		lost 1-0						BOYS FOOTBALL

Fixtures week commencing 28th April 2017

DAY	DATE	OPPONENTS	1ST	3RD/U16	U15	U14	U13	U12	SPORT
FRI	28-Apr-17	TRI GOLF							MSSP
BANK HOLIDAY									
TUES	02-May-17	LYMM HS			A		A		TENNIS
TUES	02-May-17	STOCKPORT GRAMMAR			A				CRICKET
WED	03-May-17	STOCKPORT GRAMMAR	A						CRICKET
WED	03-May-17	STOCKPORT GRAMMAR			A	A	A	A	TENNIS
WED	03-May-17	KNUTSFORD				H	HH	H	ROUNDERS
THURS	04-May-17	AUDENSHAW GRAMMAR			H	H			Cricket
THURS	04-May-17	MULTISKILLS (YR3/4) OLYMPIC HALL							SSCO
THURS	04-May-17	MACCLESFIELD TRACK		A	A	A	A		ATHLETICS
THURS	04-May-17	TYTHERINGTON			A		A		VOLLEYBALL
FRI	05-May-17	CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL					A		CRICKET
SAT	06-May-17	CALDAY GRANGE				H	A	H	CRICKET

CALENDAR

Week commencing 1st May 2017

Day/date	Time	Venue	Activity
Monday 1st May			Bank Holiday
Thursday 4th May	6.30pm	Main Hall	Dance Showcase
Friday 5th May	8.35-9.15am 1.00-2.15pm	High Options Quarry Bank Mill Cowling	Peer mentor rewards breakfast Humanities visit to Glasshouse Year 10 GCSE/Year 12 BTEC departs
Sunday May 7th		Cowling	Year 10 GCSE/Year 12 BTEC returns

Week commencing 8th May 2017

Day/date	Time	Venue	Activity
Monday 8th May	8.50am	Main Hall	Bollin Year 11 leavers assembly
Tuesday 9th May	8.50am	Main Hall	Thorngrove Year 11 leavers assembly
Wednesday 10th May	8.50am	Main Hall	Norcliffe Year 11 leavers assembly
Thursday 11th May	8.50am 3.30-5.30pm	Main Hall	Harefield Year 11 leavers assembly Exam Thursday

volunteer

This Summer at Wilmslow, Handforth and Alderley Edge Libraries for young people aged 14-24

**Do you want to improve your CV and get some
useful work experience this summer?**

Then join the young volunteers at one of these libraries!

**We are looking for volunteers aged 14 and over to help with
the Summer Reading Challenge.**

**You'll be helping to run the challenge, talking to children
and their parents about books, and supporting library staff
for events and activities.**

If you're interested in volunteering or would like to find
out more drop in for a chat

or email: wilmslow.library@cheshireeast.gov.uk

You can also find us on Facebook and on
www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries

Closing Date for applications 27th May 2017



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>
- Stronger Families leaflet: <http://tinyurl.com/hl53ovm>
- Examination timetable: <http://tinyurl.com/jsh2qkn>
- Sports X-tra timetable: <https://tinyurl.com/l8ryrj8>