Manchester Terrorist Attack
This week the thoughts and prayers of the students and staff of Wilmslow High School have been with all those killed or seriously wounded in the Manchester Arena bombing on Monday 22nd May.

During discussions between themselves and with staff, the students have shown the empathy and understanding that is such a positive feature of our young people of character. In some tutor groups and classes the poem “This is the place...." written by Tony Walsh for the vigil outside Manchester Town Hall was shared. (YouTube clip: https://youtu.be/YT2DsybwO8c)

On Thursday 25th May the school marked the national act of remembrance with a minute’s silence and we will be doing charitable fundraising for the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund after the half-term holiday.

There will be a Wilmslow peace vigil - ‘We Stand Together’ in Memorial Gardens, opposite St Bartholomew’s church at 7.30-8.00pm for everyone to attend, organised by Churches Together, on Monday May 29th

The information in the link below was circulated to tutors to use with particular groups of students. Some tutors may have taken the decision that this wasn’t appropriate and may have spoken to individuals or addressed any concerns through the support of Student Services. However, as parents we thought you might also find it useful to frame conversations with your son or daughter in order to aid discussions on this sensitive and upsetting topic. The link to the discussion framework is as follows: https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/curriculum-and-resources/resources/generic-framework-discussing-terrorist-attack
Election Debate

On Wednesday afternoon we hosted an educational political debate for 140 students from Year 7 to 12. A debate for the general public was also planned to take place in the evening, but due to the tragic events in Manchester on Monday, the hustings event was cancelled.

All of the candidates standing for MP in Tatton took part in the debate. The event was chaired by Year 12 student Joe McBride and was part of the school’s Wider Curriculum political education offer. The debate gave an important insight into the way local and party politics work and gave the students an opportunity to ask questions about issues they care about. The standard of questions was exceptionally high, with questions ranging from matters of the EU to votes for 16 year olds and the issue of the education national funding formula.

Before the debate started a one minute’s silence was observed in respect of those who were injured or lost their lives in Manchester.

Thank you to all 5 candidates for giving up their time to provide our students with such an excellent opportunity.

written by Joseph Vale, Year 9
CALENDAR

Week commencing 5th June 2017

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NOTES

Apprenticeship vacancies can now be found on Firefly:

Post-18 vacancies
http://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/sixth-form-1/apprenticeshipopportunities

Post-16 vacancies
http://wilmslowhigh.fireflycloud.net/key-stage-3-and-4/post-16-apprenticeship-opportunities

Cheshire East Council School travel survey

The survey can be accessed via this link:
http://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/ADTQU/ (students have been encouraged to complete the survey as a ‘task’ on Firefly).

The survey is confidential with all responses compiled and analysed as a group.

The deadline for all responses to the survey is the 31st May 2017.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Second-hand uniform shop needs donations!

If you have any Wilmslow High School uniform or PE kit items that you are willing to donate, please contact Heather on 07889 924692. Alternatively, donations can be handed in to main reception.

Information update on students

You will have recently received a data collection questionnaire.

Please can you ensure that this information is returned via form tutors or by being returned to the School Data Office as soon as possible.

Thank you
Communicating with school staff

The Student Services team is led by Mr. S. Mackintosh, Assistant Headteacher. Student Services offers guidance advice and support to students across four houses. Each house has a dedicated team comprising of Head of House and Student Manager. They are directly responsible for encouraging students to achieve their potential through academic monitoring and removing barriers to learning.

In such a large school environment the house system enables every student to feel fully included and develops a clear identity and sense of pride and belonging within the specific house (Thorngrove, Norcliffe, Bollin and Harefield). Crucial to the sense of community are a highly dedicated team of form tutors. They should always be an accessible first point of contact for students and parents alike (this is best done by e-mail unless other arrangements are made by the tutor).

However, with so many planned interventions, teaching commitments and systematic structures/meetings it can mean these staff are not always immediately available. Student Managers or Heads of House will try to respond where possible with immediacy (particularly by e-mail/phone) but please be aware that they are not always available in person without a planned appointment.

If your query is not related to the House system you may wish to contact the appropriate Head of Department or our SENCO via telephone or email in order to address your concern directly. If you do arrive in school and any of the above staff are unavailable, reception will be happy to make appointments to see the appropriate person (we would advise against arriving at school without a scheduled meeting time to avoid an unnecessary journey). The notified member of staff will contact you at the earliest possible opportunity.

Contact details for any staff can be found in the contact tab of our school website.

SPORT

Rounders
In rounders the girls played a block fixture against Queen Ethelburga’s who made the long trip over from Yorkshire on Tuesday and Wednesday, with our teams winning three out of four extremely competitive matches.

The scores were as follows:
U12A lost 16-14
U12B won 28-20
U14A won 16-14
U14B won 23 1/2 – 17

Tennis
The junior boys travelled to Altrincham Grammar School to play in the AEGON schools tennis competition. There was some great tennis on show, with the Year 9/10 boys winning comfortably, whilst the Year 7/8 A team put in a good performance and were unfortunate to lose out overall.

Results below:
Year 9/10 – Won 6 matches to 0
Year 7/8A – Lost 4 matches to 2
Year 7/8B – Lost 6 matches to 0
**Cricket**

On Saturday Wilmslow played three games against Stockport Grammar School and came out on top overall, winning two against strong opposition. The highlights were at U12 and U13 where some fantastic cricket was on show, with the U12s extending their winning streak. Results below:

U12 won by 53 runs
WHS 100 – 0 after 20 overs (C. Hodge 49*, T. Wilson 45*)
SGS 47 – 7 after 20 overs

U13 won by 9 wickets
SGS 80 all out
WHS 81 – 1

On Tuesday the junior boys were in action again, this time in the Cheshire cup. Another fantastic performance by the U12s saw them make light work of West Hill and progress to the next round. Unfortunately, the U13s faced a tougher test at Sandbach who they had narrowly beaten the previous week. This time however, the result was reversed and Sandbach took the win.

U12 WON by 8 wickets
West Hill 93-4 after 20 overs
WHS 95 – 2 after 15.1 overs

U13 LOST by 11 runs
Sandbach School 55 – 5 after 20 overs
WHS 44 – 5 after 20 overs

**Results week commencing 20th May 2017**

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Advertise Here

After half term we will be trialling offering businesses and employers the opportunity to advertise jobs (full time/part time), courses and apprenticeships to Wilmslow High School students. To support the school with the cost of producing High Notes, we will be asking for £50 per quarter page for an advert to be placed on the page. High Notes will be emailed to all of the parents/carers of our 2000+ students every Friday afternoon as well as all students and our business partners.

The design of the advert will be the responsibility of the business/employer. If you are interested in placing an advert or joining our Business Partners Programme, please contact Julie Niven or Georgie Johnson on bpp@wilmslowhigh.com and copy in highnotes@wilmslowhigh.com
Important notices for parents of Year 11 students

**Year 11 arrangements for after Whit**

Our Year 11 students have made a good start to their GCSE examinations and we wish them the very best of luck with these. Details of the arrangements for after the Whit holidays can be found in the letter at the link below, which has already been sent out to all parents.


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**From the Maths team:**

*In Maths, practice, practice, practice makes all the difference.*

The Maths team are asking both Foundation and Higher students to undertake 15 practice tests which have been given out by class teachers and are available on Firefly for students to download and print should they want to have another go.

These tests are a vital tool for students’ preparation for their exams as they will allow students to address any gaps in their knowledge before their exams.

These papers have been shared with every student. If they go onto the “tasks” section on Firefly it will be there.

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**Year 11 Uniform**

The PE Department and the PTA would be grateful for any donations of school PE kit from current Year 11 students.

Kit can be given directly to the students’ PE teachers at the end of their last PE lesson or dropped off at the Olympic Hall office over the coming weeks.

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**USEFUL LINKS**

- 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/l8ryrj8

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Year 10
College Taster Sessions
Wednesday 5\textsuperscript{th} July 2017

Who? Year 10 students only

What? Two ‘taster sessions’ run by college tutors on their site

When? 5\textsuperscript{th} July, 9am – 3.30pm

Where? Macclesfield College: coach from WHS

Why? To help to decide whether college (and which course) is right for you

If you would like to attend...
...please ask your tutor to add your name to the list. Letters will be handed out next week.

N.B. Some courses may not run, if numbers are low. However, this is a chance to get a feel for Further Education College learning, there will be open days where you can find out about specific courses.
Churches Together in Wilmslow are holding a Vigil Service for the Community of Wilmslow and the surrounding areas.

Everyone is welcome to attend and show solidarity and respect to those who died and those who suffered - in some cases - life changing injuries.

Details as follows:

We Stand Together – Wilmslow peace vigil
One week after the Manchester Bombing
Memorial Gardens, opposite St Bartholomew’s Church
7.30-8.00pm Monday May 29th

A time to remember and to rebuild community

Please ring Kirsty Thorp (Wilmslow URC) - if you need some more expanding.
Her contact details are: 01625 415281 or 07775 773233
Has your business thought about working with Wilmslow High School?

Communities with links between business and education offer great results for everyone.

Connect with Wilmslow High School and your business can:

- Reach a school community of over 2000 students and 1700 parents
- Access apprentice and sponsorship opportunities that link students and your business
  - Develop student employability skills to ensure school leavers are work ready
- Inspire students to make informed choices to navigate their future
- Raise aspirations through a stimulating and relevant curriculum

Join us now.

An exciting new partnership between Wilmslow High School and businesses in our community
Wilmslow High School - at the heart of the community.

Working with you to generate ambition, inspiration and opportunity.

Contact us now:

Julie Niven: 07747 612747  julie.niven@icloud.com
Georgie Johnson: 07770 931231  georgiej@mac.com