

# Walton High School Newsletter

## Headteacher's Message

The school certainly seems a quieter place with the departure of our Year 11s and Year 13s for their public examinations but there is still plenty going on as we approach the final few weeks of the academic year. Many of our students will be involved in a variety of sporting activities, including cricket, rounders, tennis and athletics and, of course, all of this physical endeavour will culminate in our annual Sports Day at Rowley Park on Wednesday, 12th July. This is always a hugely enjoyable event and parents are very welcome to come along to support. Just keep your fingers crossed that the great British weather decides to co-operate! In addition to this, we are looking forward to celebrating the incredible talent of our students at our annual Art Exhibition on the evening of 22nd June. If you are able to come along to our Sixth Form Centre to see the exhibition, I guarantee that you won't be disappointed! And then in the final week of term, students have two fabulous days to look forward to: our House Activities Day on Wednesday, 19th July when the prestigious House Trophy will be awarded, followed by Activities Day on Thursday, 20th July which is always great fun for all involved.

I'd like to finish by wishing Mrs Cheadle and our brilliant young mathematicians every success as they represent Walton High School in the national final of the UK Team Maths Challenge. We are all extremely proud of your incredible achievements.

### KEY DATES COMING UP:

12 – 15 June	Year 7 Geography Trips
Fri 16 June	Non –Uniform Day
Mon 19 June	Y12 Return to school and A2 teaching commences
20 & 22 June	Year 8 Science / Year 12 Psychology Trip to Chester Zoo
Fri 23 June	Inset Day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
23 – 26 June	Y12 Biology Residential Trip
Tues 27 June	Y12 Physics –Manchester University Visit
28 & 29 June	Y11 into Y12 Induction Days
30 June	Exam Season Ends

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*Please join us!*



## *Year 9s "In the Money"*

Year 9 pupils competed in the "Tenner Challenge" last term. This is a national competition which tasks pupils with using only 10 pounds to set up a business and make as much profit as possible, with half of any profit made being donated to the team's chosen charity. All teams performed very well.

Special congratulations to Jessica Downe and Shannon Edwards (pictured) who beat 19,000 other teams from across the country to win the 'Leap' award for the business idea which showed the most potential. Their company 'Out of the box stationary,' produced handmade, bespoke pencil cases. They attended the National finals on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at the Bank of England in London and were presented with their trophy by the Chief Cashier, Victoria Clelland.



Pictured: Jessica and Shannon with Mr Finlay and Miss Purcell

## *Easyfundraising*

*109 members  
so far!*



There's still time to join...

## *Dance Show*



Miss Hyde from the PE Dept took students from Walton High School to join over 20 schools from all over Stafford and Stone to descend upon the Stage for the 2017 Schools' "Gotta Dance" shows.

There was four nights of jazz, ballet, street, cheerleading, contemporary and much more.

## Double Success



Pictured above are the Year 11 boys' football winners of the Under 16 District of Stafford and Stone Cup, with Mr Valentine. They beat Sir Graham Balfour 3-2, with goals from Josh Bennett and Lucas Green-Birch (2). The team have won it once before when they were in Year 9. Many congratulations.



Our Boxing Club's success over the last 3 years has led to a large number of students joining The Right Stuff club. Founder Andy Whitehall has been instrumental in the running and organisation of the club at Walton. Not only has the school seen many students participate in a new sport but it has also seen a few go on to become instructors. The recent cohort of students who have gained their GB Boxing Preliminary award are celebrating!

## Good Luck!

Four of our mathematicians will be competing against teams across the United Kingdom for this year's UK Team Maths Challenge trophy, with their Maths teacher, Mrs Cheadle. As reported in April's Newsletter, the team were runners up in the Regional Final held at Keele and won the opportunity to compete in the National Final at the Royal Horticultural Halls in London on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Over 1750 schools entered the competition and 88 have qualified to take part in the final. We will keep you updated on their progress...

## Year 12

### Young Enterprise

Walton's Year 12 Team won the Journey Award at Staffordshire Young Enterprise Presentation Evening which was held at Wedgwood. They are now through to the National Finals.



### Kind Donation

Thank you to Monica from Wildwood for donating her aluminium from 8' by 8' greenhouse to the school.

It is already planted up with tomatoes, peppers and chillis!!

## New Prefects

Interviews have now taken place for next year's House Prefects. Thanks go to all students who put themselves forward for this.

We will be holding a presentation evening for the successful students later this term, when Head Boy and Head Girl, Sports Captain and Arts Captain will be announced.

## Attendance Leader Board

Deercote	96.97%
Kingsley	96.80%
Oldacre	96.57%
Hazelslade	96.37%



## Non-uniform Day

Our final non-uniform day of the year takes place on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. We are supporting projects within the school.

