

Walton High School



Easter Newsletter 2026

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 13 April

Tuesday, 21 April

Thursday, 23 April

Monday 4 May

Sat/Sun, 9 & 10 May

W/c 11 May

Tuesday, 12 May

Monday, 18 May

Friday, 22 May

25 – 29 May

Summer Term commences

Year 7 Parents' Evening (In person)

Prefect Presentation Evening – Main Hall

Bank Holiday -School closed

Bronze DoE Training Expedition

Year10 Field Trips to Cardingmill Valley

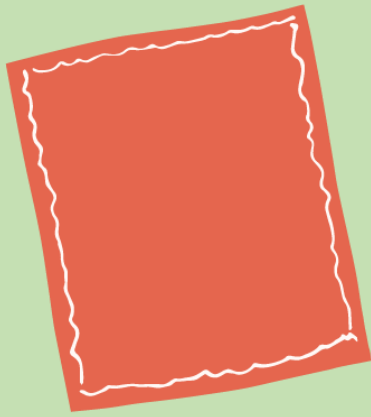
Year 10 Parents' Evening (Virtual)

Year 12 Festival of Futures

Last day of half term

Whitsun Half Term Break





from *me* to *you*

During tutor time, students in tutor group 12.1 have taken part in a truly meaningful project, writing heartfelt letters to patients living with cancer through the charity *From Me to You*. This initiative encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones and connect with others through kindness and compassion.

The task proved challenging at first, as letter writing in this context was something entirely new to many of the students. However, their perseverance and dedication shone through, and they worked thoughtfully to create messages of support, hope, and encouragement.

A special mention goes to Rose who extended the project beyond the classroom by involving her St John Ambulance group. These young volunteers also contributed letters, further strengthening the sense of community behind the initiative. In addition, parents kindly supported the project by donating beautiful handmade bookmarks created by their Art Club, which were included alongside the letters.

This initiative was made possible thanks to a generous donation of stationery from ASDA Stafford, which ensured every student could fully take part in the project.

We were delighted to receive a response from *From Me to You*, who expressed how “blown away” they were by the wonderful package of letters and gifts sent by our students and wider community.

This project has been a powerful reminder of the impact small acts of kindness can have, and we are incredibly proud of 12.1 for their empathy, resilience, and commitment to making a difference.

Mrs K Wright, Y12 tutor



Letters sent to the charity

Walton Young Chef Competition 2025

Congratulations to Sofia (Year 10), who won our annual 'Walton Young Chef' competition 2025.

December saw four passionate and talented young chefs go head to head and cook up a storm!! Even our leadership team couldn't resist the aroma coming from the kitchen and came down to help judge their culinary skills. The challenge was to make a two course, healthy meal, for two people and costing no more than £18. Well done to our three runners-up Khushboo (Year 10), Huwi (Year 10), and Ivy (Year 7), who came a very close second place!

At Walton we're very proud of students who go that extra mile!!



Rotary Young Chef District Final 2026

In February, our 'Walton Young Chef' winner Sofia and runner-up Khushboo, represented Walton High School in the 'Rotary Young Chef' District Final at Stafford College. The competition was very tight this year and we believe

that they were more than deserving of the winning title, however it just wasn't Walton's year. A huge thank you to the lovely parents and siblings who supported our students, Miss Dixon for taking the photos and our amazing sponsors, Gill of Rotary Club of Stafford Knot and Paul of Rotary Club of Stafford Castle. Roll on Young Chef 2027!!!

Mrs V White, Teacher of Food



A huge well done to all of our Year 11 and 12 food and nutrition practical examinations. They did the department extremely proud.



Ms E Dixon
Second in Design and Technology Department

Student Incentive Spring 2026 – ‘Champions League’

The incentive was to promote ‘KINDNESS’ in the classroom and around the school.

The categories were

- Outstanding Manners
- Exemplary Kindness
- Demonstrating Excellent Empathy
- Shows consideration to others



The competition was extremely popular with over 500 students taking part.

The winners were:

- 1st Joshua, Year 7
- 2nd Isla, Year 11
- 2nd Codie, Year 10
- 3rd Theo, Year 11

Geography trip to Iceland

Students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form enjoyed an educational trip to Iceland, gaining first-hand experience of some of the world’s most dramatic tectonic landscapes. Supporting their studies, students experienced hot springs and geysers, stood at the continental divide between the North American and Eurasian plates, and experienced Iceland’s snowy terrain.

The trip also included a visit to a geothermal power plant, allowing students to see how Iceland harnesses its unique geology to produce renewable energy.



ASCL Conference, Liverpool



Walton’s choir of 50 students were full of nerves and excitement as they travelled to Liverpool. They performed a 20-minute set in front of over 1000 school leaders from across the country, wowing the audience, before our very own Dr Rowley, ASCL President, took centre stage at the conference in Liverpool. The students had a brilliant time and we couldn’t be prouder of them for being so outstanding on the day, as always!

Stafford's Gotta Sing

On the evening of 26th February, our music department took 44 students to The Gatehouse Theatre to perform at "Stafford's Gotta Sing", organised by SSPA Events.

The students performed a 15-minute set as the finale to the evening's show, following on from other local schools. The students performed exceptionally well, and were professional throughout the evening. A huge well done to all of the students involved.



Pyramid Concert

Last week our music department joined with feeder schools: Barnfields, Leasowes, Berkswich and Oakridge. The five schools came together to perform five joint songs, each performing a spotlight song to showcase their own students. The choir sang along a mixture of backing tracks, piano accompaniment and a live band made up of Walton students. Our students were exemplary role models to the primary students and all schools together, wowed the audience.



Headteacher's message

As you will be able to see from our Spring Newsletter there has been so much going on in school this term. What we have shared is just a snapshot of some of the wonderful activities, events and projects across the school.

Staff and students have taken part in a charity netball match to raise funds for and awareness of the charity Myeloma UK. We are really proud of the sporting success in recent football fixtures at both Stafford District and County level with students representing the school admirably. Rehearsals for the summer production of Shrek: The Musical have continued with countless hours spent learning lines and dance routines in the drama studio, music practice rooms and even the tennis courts!

Our hopeful prefects in Year 10 and 12 have been interviewed for leadership positions and will find out imminently whether they have been successful. Students got involved in World Book Day and STAR Week by decorating their tutor doors in the style the front cover of a book, with entries ranging from Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 have recently completed their mock examinations and staff have provided feedback on strengths and areas for development. Students in Year 11 received their results via our annual 'Mock Results Day'. Students were brought to the Sixth Form Centre and were handed their results and an information sheet explaining how their results were calculated. It was a fantastic afternoon where students had the opportunity to experience the feeling of being given their results, to celebrate successes with each other, but also to have the support of tutors and staff if it was not what they were hoping for. As we move towards the summer examination series we wish all of our Year 11 and 13 students the very best of luck.

Finally, I just wanted to share some outstanding feedback I received regarding the students who attended the recent ASCL conference in Liverpool to sing on stage and support the event. While students were performing live one leader of a local school who was in the audience messaged me to say "Your choir are performing and they have done Walton proud" while another school leader messaged saying simply "Walton students are amazing".

Wishing you all a restful Easter break,

Mr A Leese

