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Pensby High School Newsletter

Summer Edition 2023

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"Pupils at Pensby High School wear their uniforms with pride"

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‘Working together’

Dear Parents and Carers

I want to start this letter by thanking you for all your support over this year; can I ask you to pass on these thanks to your children as well. It has been an action-packed year with many amazing achievements: D of E has run across three years groups, our whole school production Matilda and the Year 7 and 8 summer shows were stand out moments for seeing your children shine. We have also been on trips to the theatre and had visiting theatre productions into school, sent teams to UK Maths Challenge, regional chess finals, numerous sporting fixtures, even getting through to the national reading champions quiz in London and winning the Year 8 North-West football cup final.

Students have been on numerous trips including the Year 7 residential, Barcelona, Berlin, Iceland, Geography field trips, Year 10 Alton Towers rewards trip and enjoyed a multitude of visits from outside speakers and workshops. This was all concluded with a stunning prom for Year 11 at Thornton Hall to celebrate all they have achieved academically and more importantly personally throughout their school career, Year 11 were amazing and a credit to all of us.

We are proud of all our students, I am proud of all of them and feel it is a privilege to be the Headteacher at Pensby, where the students come in every day and work positively with staff, and each other to make Pensby High School a positive, welcoming community. A community we are all lucky to share together. Staff and students alike have been a credit to our community this year. This was reflected in the recent ‘Good’ OFSTED report which highlighted that, ‘the school values of Care, Respect, Inspire permeate all that we (they) do’. I thank all of the staff here at Pensby, they have worked incredibly hard throughout a challenging year, thank you.

KEY DATES:

Examination Results:

GCSE examination results will be available for students on **Thursday 24th August 2023**, arrangements regarding this have already been emailed home.

Our Year 11 have had to deal with a significant amount of challenge throughout their secondary school journey including the COVID lockdowns when they were in Years 8 and 9 and the unknown changes to their GCSE courses: the vast majority have coped with these changes with resilience, good humour and have had a positive mindset despite the challenges they have faced. They are a credit to you as parents, the staff here and most of all themselves.

Arrangements for the start of term in September

Tuesday 5 September 2023 - Year 7 students only are in school

Year 7 attend school from 8.35 am and go straight to the main school hall please.

Wednesday 6 September 2023

All students in ALL years return to school for normal start time – 8.35am on site, to be in form rooms by 8.40am.

As we return to school I would be grateful if you would ensure that we have the correct uniform and equipment ready to start the new school. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated. Full details of the school uniform can be found on the school website: <http://www.pensbyhighschool.org/search/school-uniform/58942.html>. Please note students are expected to wear trousers or school skirts of a length suitable for office dress, not stretchy skirts please and shoes must be proper school shoes not the trainer hybrid which are sometimes sold in shops. The tone for the year is set in those first few weeks back and we know that being punctual, prepared to learn and dressed in appropriate uniform, all help to secure a positive attitude towards education and a commitment to succeed which carries students through the long term ahead. Uniform is important for a shared sense of community, an obvious pride in who we are as individuals and the school we go to, but at an even more basic level it is about routines and preparation. If we cannot put a pair of shoes on, or we want to argue about the length of a skirt, this tends to be a precursor to arguing about lessons and learning. I have to say that our students do, on the whole, look great and then they take this into everything they do at school. This is a testimony to the effort that you put in as parents and carers, I am grateful, thank you.

You are absolutely key in setting the tone: I cannot overstate the importance your support plays in the success of our children, but I do though understand that now more than ever some families may need help. Fuss Wirral can help support families: <https://wirralfuss.co.uk/> and I have a small discretionary fund to help as well, please ask and we will try our best. Can I also ask that if you have uniform that another family can make use of, you donate to FUSS, either directly or if you bring it into school we can pass it on. Can I also remind everyone that we do have breakfast club in the morning, students can get a drink, some toast or cereal and start the day with breakfast. This is open to all and there is no charge. As a school we also employ a 'family advocate' – Di Challinor, Di can help with support in terms of relationships with school, but Di can also signpost and support wider needs, seek benefit support, advice on housing and health needs for families, not just the children at our school.

I would also ask that again we refocus on attendance and punctuality please. I don't think that any school has seen attendance return to pre-pandemic levels, but we need students back to close gaps. Gaps both in terms of their learning, but perhaps more importantly in terms of their friends, their mental/physical well-being and their wider social skills. We know that students who attend more, who are better prepared, who have parents that support their learning do better as a result and we know that in turn impacts on how long and healthy our lives are, choices for employment, positive impacts on our children and grandchildren, and a huge rise in health and well-being, that is the power of education!

Your engagement with your child's education, asking them questions, challenging them to do better and the interest you show are a huge part of their success. We cannot as parents 'fix' things for our children, we cannot do the learning for them, but I promise you that your children tell us about the difference your interest in them and their learning makes to them.

Your children are a credit to you; I am proud and privileged to have the opportunity to lead the school your children attend. They are a credit to you and themselves, we are all immensely proud of them and they deserve a good summer, as do you.

I hope that you have a lovely summer and enjoy all the time you have together as a family.

Yours sincerely



Mr K Flanagan
Headteacher

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Ofsted Report

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to report that Pensby High School remains a 'Good' school. It is evident that the report highlights the relationships within the school community.

Our inspection was led by a Senior HMI and that is never easy. I have to say, that although it was a very demanding two days for the school, I think it was a very fair process.

Clearly the inspection saw, and understood, how hard staff and pupils work to push learning to its best. From teaching, through SEND and the wider work we do around planning for learning, the extended curriculum, and keeping our community safe, feedback from pupils was very positive.

The work that teachers do on a regular basis to improve and refine planned learning is as strong as I have even seen in a school, they really do think about how they can help the children in their care.

I was particularly pleased by the comments from students about how our expectations of everyone's behaviours, both adults and children, make your children feel safe in our care. We work very hard to hold a line around behaviour and safeguarding in their widest senses. It is lovely to hear that the pupils understand why and see the benefit and value of this.

Even though the pupils recognised that sometimes there are very difficult messages to members of our community, they feel safe and supported, in large part, because they know we will have difficult conversations on their behalf.

All of this work is only possible as a result of all the support that so many of you have given to the school, thank you.

It has been a long and challenging five years since the last inspection, much has changed for all of us and all staff have worked tirelessly, and many have gone way beyond what I could have expected.

A big thank you to all Governors and staff, thank you; I know that for all of you it will be a pleasure and pride to read the feedback on your work.

Have a great summer,

Yours faithfully

Mr K Flanagan

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Ofsted Inspection

Pensby High School was inspected by the School's inspectorate Ofsted on the 22nd and 23rd March 2023.

“Pensby High School continues to be a good school”.

Safeguarding

“Leaders foster a strong culture of safeguarding. Staff understand their safeguarding responsibilities. They are fully cognisant of the procedures for keeping pupils safe”.

“Staff know pupils well”.

“Leaders work closely with a range of external agencies. They are tenacious in ensuring that vulnerable pupils and their families receive appropriate and timely support”

Uniform

“Pupils at Pensby High School wear their uniforms with pride”.

Relationships

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Behaviour

Relationships between pupils and their teachers are respectful. Pupils have positive attitudes to learning. They are determined to succeed. The calm atmosphere in classrooms means that pupils can learn without disruption.

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Pastoral and Safeguarding News

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I just wanted to take some time to introduce myself as the newly appointed Assistant Headteacher for pastoral here at Pensby High School after joining from a school in North Wales.

I have been made to feel very welcome here at Pensby and I am very lucky to teach and to support very polite and well mannered students supported by excellent members of teaching and non-teaching staff.

Our pastoral system is central to the guidance and support we give your child to help him/her to progress well academically.

On joining Pensby High School each child is placed in a mixed ability Tutor Group. Each Year Group also has their own Head of Year who will monitor their progress and help guide students along appropriate learning pathways throughout their school career.

Your child's Tutor is usually the first point of contact if you have any information to share, or concerns about your child's education or welfare.

Subject specific enquiries would normally be addressed to the subject teacher. If in doubt, our Reception staff will happily advise you of the most appropriate person to contact.

Over the next few pages, you will see some useful information and advice on e-safety through to what to do over the summer.

I hope you find it useful.

Mr C Griffiths

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POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS APPS PARENTS / TEACHERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

THESE APPS CAN EASILY BE USED AS GROOMING TOOLS BY ONLINE PREDATORS LOOKING TO MEET UP & SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN.

This is not exhaustive, and updated each year to reflect new risks and dangers (updated 2022). New apps are constantly being created, so it's important to monitor what children download.



FACEBOOK  <p>Allows you to connect with others and share comments, photos and videos. You can add friends, write on people's pages and posts, join groups and play games.</p>	SNAPCHAT  <p>Is one of the most popular apps in recent years. Whilst the app promises that photo's, videos and stories disappear, others can take screenshots of private photo's.</p>	INSTAGRAM  <p>Kids are creating fake accounts to hide content from their parents, according to police. Messages are also deleted once a user leaves a conversation.</p>
WHATSAPP  <p>Allows you to send messages, images and videos in 121 and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.</p>	OMEGLE  <p>Is a video chat website where users are matched randomly with strangers.</p>	KIK MESSAGING Kik  <p>Is a messaging app that allows content normally filtered on a home computer.</p>
WHISPER  <p>Is an anonymous social media app that promotes sharing personal secrets with strangers. (new people). It reveals a users location so people can meet up.</p>	CALCULATOR %  <p>Is only one of SEVERAL social media apps disguised as a calculator, the app is actually a secret photo vault to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.</p>	HOT ON NOT  <p>Strangers rate a user's 'attractiveness' with the aim of real-world meet ups in your local area.</p>
ASK.FM  <p>An app where users can anonymously ask questions and receive answers. The app has been featured in a number of cyber bullying cases.</p>	YUBO  <p>Similar to Tinder, the app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other.</p>	BURN BOOK  <p>Anonymous rumors can be posted about people through audio messages, texts and photos.</p>
WISHBONE  <p>This app allows users to compare kids and rate them on a scale.</p>	SKOUT  <p>Is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.</p>	MEET ME  <p>Is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. The app encourages people to meet</p>
TELLOYMN  <p>Anonymous messenger app. It calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." Age controls are inconsistent and sexual explicit material can be found.</p>	Zoomerang  <p>Is a popular app that looks like a harmless messaging app however it allows private anonymous messaging and is location enabled.</p>	TIK TOK  <p>Is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.</p>
FACEBOOK MESSENGER  <p>Is one of the most popular message apps in the world. It has already heavily been used by predators and the end-to-end encryption will make it even more unsafe.</p>	BADOO  <p>Is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.</p>	KIDSCHAT  <p>Is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.</p>
VINE  <p>Allows users to watch and post six second videos. While many of the videos are harmless, porn videos do pop up into the feed, exposing your children to sexually explicit material.</p>	POOF  <p>Hides other apps on your phone. If children have apps that they want to keep hidden from their parents, all they have to do is download this app and "poof," their screen is clear.</p>	DISCORD  <p>A gaming app that allows video sharing and video chat. Bullying is a problem on Discord. Some of the bigger problems include suicidal ideation, hate speech and graphic images.</p>
HOOP  <p>Hoop is a dating app that connects to SnapChat and allows 12 + teens to swipe on pictures that they like with the purpose of meeting. This leads to issues with fraud and sexual predators.</p>	GALLERYVAULT  <p>GalleryVault and other vault apps hide photos and videos. One of the scariest options on it gives the user access to a secret web browser and alerts the user if someone attempts to break into the app.</p>	PSST!  <p>Is a chat room app that prides itself on messages being deleted almost immediately from the server, ID-masking, and secretive private chat. For parents, these features are worrying.</p>

CALL FOR INFORMATION, ADVICE OR IF YOU JUST WANT TO TALK

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EDUCATION
ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION

IF YOU SUSPECT ABUSE CALL NSPCC HELPLINE
0800 800 5000

IF YOU'RE A CHILD & WANT
HELP CALL CHILDLINE
0800 1111

NNECA
NATIONAL NETWORK FOR CHILD ABUSE HELP
WWW.NNECA.ORG.UK
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ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

Stuck for things to do...

[SUMMER SEND SNAPSHOT FOR PARENTS & CARERS - Local Offer Wirral](#)

SUMMER SEND SNAPSHOT FOR PARENTS & CARERS



As the 6 week summer holidays approach our Parents and Carers of SEND children are letting us know that they'd benefit from some key information to tide them over the summer break.

They've asked for up to date information on how to contact a range of Health services and a steer as to What's on in Wirral this summer.

We've put together this bumper 43 page newsletter and hope it goes some way to helping you manage things during the summer break.

Summer SEND Snapshot for Parents and Carers July 2023

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Attendance



National School Attendance Award

2022/23 Spring Term



Pensby High

Top 25% of similar FFT Secondary Schools in England

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Attendance



Parents are encouraged to make all medical appointments outside school hours whenever possible, and to inform school in advance of any medical appointments. Unless it is an emergency, on the day of the appointment is not enough time for staff to ensure your child is ready to be collected. For absence to be authorised as a medical absence we do require evidence, such as an appointment card or appointment letter to be sent to school-office@psf.wirral.sch.uk. Where possible, try to ensure that your child gets their morning and afternoon registration marks if they have an appointment during the day. Parents or carers must come into our reception to collect their child in advance of the appointment please. This is for safeguarding purposes and we appreciate your co-operation.

Attendance Matters

100 % Attendance = 190 days at school

8 days absence is 96%

12 days absence is 94%

19 days absence is 90%

29 days absence is 85%

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Prefects & Student Leadership

After a selection process that required students to write a letter of application and undertake group tasks alongside an interview, we are pleased to welcome the following students to the Prefect Team of 2023.



Head prefect team:

Milo S – Head Boy, **Maggie C** – Head Girl, **Mason J** – Deputy Head Boy, **Sophie S** – Deputy Head Girl, **Mia H** – Student Ambassador.

In the role of prefect, we have gained confidence through the process of applying and we take our responsibility seriously for everyone's voice to be heard. We went through a rigorous application and interview process to be appointed to the role, talking about our skills and experience that we could bring to the job. We feel ambitious and proud of this opportunity and hope to bring this to the rest of the school whenever we can over the coming year. So far, we have supported on the new Year Seven Open Evening and some of us will be part of Summer School this year to help the students get to know us and the staff. We are excited and happy to give back to our school in this way.

Main Prefect Team

Natasha B,	Ruby C,	Peter D,	Emily D,	Rodrigo D,
Hana G,	Clara K,	Ryan L,	Millie L,	Marcia L,
Jacob L,	Alex L,	Niamh K,	Alisha T,	Hannah L,
Millie N,	Maya S,	Abbie S,	Emma S,	Holly S,
Lili T,	Caleb W,	Sam W,	Eva W,	Olivia W.

Prefects & Student Leadership

Some thoughts from the main prefect team:

We applied to be prefects because we wanted to contribute towards helping the new year seven during their transition from Primary school to Secondary school. We hope that we can help to make the school as comfortable as possible for them and all students. Our role is to help year sevens in their new high school journey. And we get a cool tie! To apply to be a prefect, we wrote a letter about why we would be suitable for the role. We love being prefects because we love being involved with the school community. It also helps us in the future as it offers us the experience and is a chance to build our confidence.

Clara, Millie, Abbie and Emma

Hello, Dream Prefect Team here! We are ready to slay our year away. We will support all students in every way, bring their opinions and voices to light and just like Batman, we will bring justice. WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY!

Jacob and Reuben

Main prefect team:

We have enjoyed our time here and when Mr Griffiths and Mrs Teare asked our year to apply for a prefect role, we wanted to be able to give something back. Since we were appointed, we have received a special tie and badge to identify us as prefects and we are happy to represent our school so that we can advise and support younger students. It will also help us in the future to be able to put our experience as prefects into our CV. Next year, we plan to support the new Year Seven students to feel comfortable and welcome in their new environment. We will also promise to bring our help and support to all other students.

Holly, Hana G., Sam, Olivia and Rodrigo

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Year 8 students triumph at Merseyside Schools Cup Final

Year 8 Boys football team students won the Merseyside schools Cup after defeating Litherland High School 4-0 . Congratulations! We are so proud of you! #ProudToBePensby.

Message from Mrs Sullivan, Head of Year Eight:

We are now at the end of Year 8 and what a fantastic academic year it has been. I am so proud of you all! Some of you have taken part in activities and memorable events throughout the year. Have a lovely summer, bring on Year 9!



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Year 7 2023

Head of Year 7

What a fantastic second term the year 7 has had?

They are continuing to overcome many barriers and challenges.

Over the last 13 weeks, members of the year group have achieved:

- 70% of students have accumulated only positive Class Charts points and are put into a fortnightly draw for a prize for their achievements.
- Positive postcards have continued to be sent home by Form Tutors for a variety of reasons
- The Brilliant club graduated and have earned themselves certificates of achievement.
- Students who performed in the school production of Matilda were outstanding performers.
- The students in the Rugby Team extra-curricular club represented the school and won The Shield
- Students continue to represent the school football, rugby and netball team
- The whole of year 7 performed individual class Greek Myths on stage in front of their family and friends -A lot of hard work, and a lot of people to organise and rehearse, but what a marvellous experience for so many students. There has been a great deal of effort in getting so many students up on stage over the last few weeks.

Well done to all students for your excellent attitude to learning!

Mrs Hardwick

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PE Department

Another successful term in PE. Highlighted by the amazing success of the Year 8 football team, Merseyside Cup Winners 2023. A massive shout out to the entire team that played throughout the year and to Mr Hall for his managerial skills. This success followed our Boys Year 7 Rugby team who won the Wirral Plate. This year seen Pensby be represented in over 50 fixtures, a credit to all the pupils that attend extra-curricular clubs on a weekly basis no matter what the weather. The curriculum expanded further with the introduction of Softball to all year groups. We are pleased to announce resources will further be improved over the Summer with a new and improved Gym area. The department were delighted to see the return of Pensby Sports Day, where the rain luckily stayed away for a competitive and fun day for all. Congratulations to the form classes that one the overall year group prize. We are happy to announce the launch of our dedicated PE Twitter page, so feel free to give us a follow for updates @Pensby_PE.

On behalf of the PE department, we would like to wish you a fun and activity filled Summer.



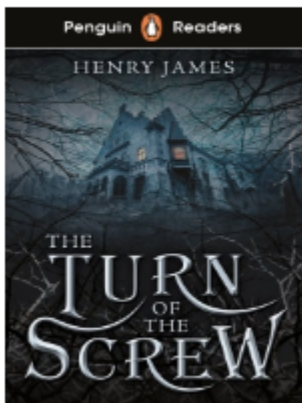
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English Department

Year 7 have been studying Romeo and Juliet this term and some classes spent time outside reading the script. They also read lots of different extracts then created their own stories



Year 8 have been learning all about non-fiction alongside an anthology of texts all about our local area. They have studied the 19C ghost story *The Turn of the Screw*.



Year 9 completed spoken assessments relating to a topic of their choice, poetry and the novel *Heroes*.

Year 10 and 11 have continued to study for their GCSEs following both the language and literature syllabi - they have been working and revising hard. Mock exams have been fed back to pupils and parents, so pupils need to remind themselves of all the hard work required for the coming year 11.

We said farewell and good luck to our wonderful Year 11 pupils - please remember to return any books that belong to the school or the department.

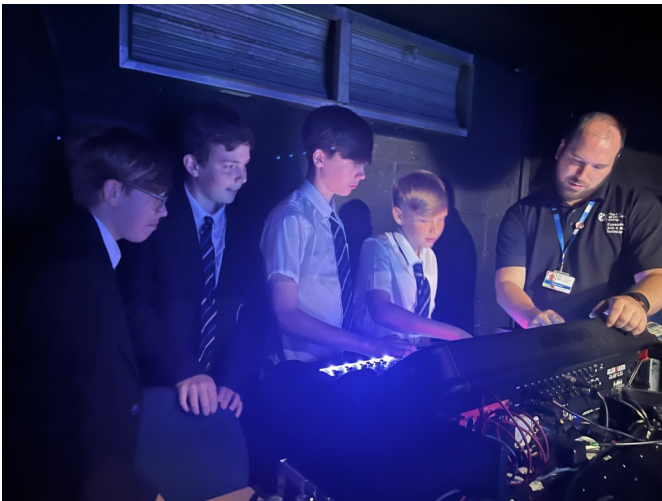
Have a fabulous summer.

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Year 9 Drama Trip to The City of Liverpool College

On Thursday 22nd June, Mrs Lamara and Miss Robinson took aspiring Y9 GCSE drama students to visit The City of Liverpool College. They were given a brilliant opportunity to learn from industry experts and participate in professional workshops. This included: a lighting and sound design workshop, explored the media suite, presented TV using green screens, used the motion capture suite and finished with an acting workshop. What a day! We can't thank our friends at The City of Liverpool College enough for giving our students the most amazing experience.



Barcelona Trip 10 - 14th July 2023

Last week, we took 55 students from years 8,9 &10 to Barcelona. It was a long, full week leaving in the middle of the night on Monday morning and arriving home in the early hours of Saturday morning. The students were great all week and quickly got used to going to their group leader for a head count: Barcelona is very busy and we were vigilant all week to check we had everyone with us and they and their belongings were safe.

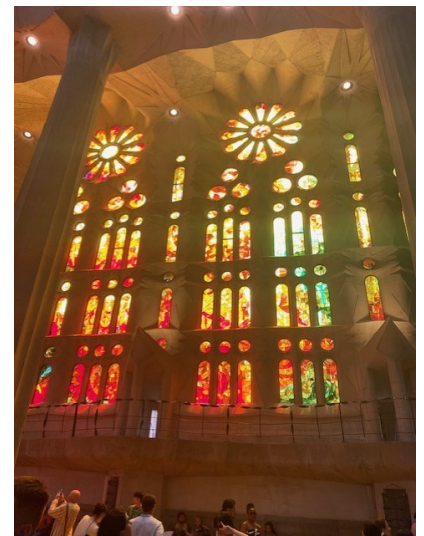
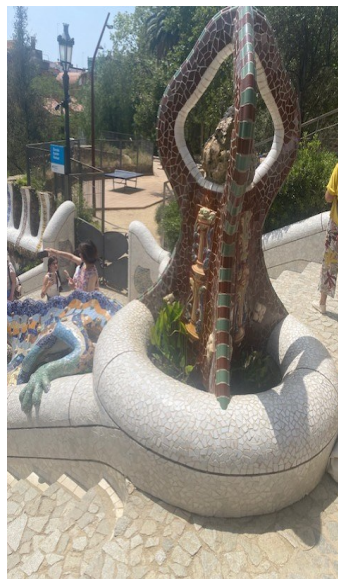
We had some amazing experiences, visiting the most famous sights of the city, doing lots of walking and fitting in plenty of treats such as ice creams, a quick McDonalds and two great restaurant meals eating authentic Spanish tapas and Menú del Día. It was very hot last week – over 30 degrees every day and hotter in the sun so we kept students topped up with water and sun cream.

As a staff team, we were delighted by the comments that people around us made about our students. Everyone from the hotel reception staff, restaurant waiting staff, the night porter and our amazing coach driver told us how polite and respectful our students were. We also had some brilliant students who did as much speaking Spanish as possible during the week to make the most of the language opportunities they had.

Running a trip takes a lot of extra time and effort but it is worth every minute because it is a privilege to spend time with our students out of the classroom, giving them opportunities to grow and experience life outside of the what they know.

Trips would not happen without the amazing support we get from our office team, and from Mr Flanagan and the SLT team, who support our efforts in every way, remaining on call throughout the trip to advise on any concerns the trip leader may have. Running a trip is truly a whole team effort. Our students and our whole staff team exemplify our school values of Care, Respect, Inspire and we are **Proud to Be Pensby!**

Mrs Teare



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Barcelona Trip 10 - 14th July 2023

Here are some of our students' thoughts on the trip:

Jessica Highton 9RCI

I went on the Barcelona Trip and I really enjoyed it. We went to lots of famous buildings and they were really interesting. My favourite was the Sagrada Familia, inside the building was beautiful and the outside looked so cool looking up at the top. I also really enjoyed the theme park El Tibidabo and the shopping centre, El Maremagnum, seeing how things are in a different country to what we do at home. I would definitely go back to Barcelona in the future and I recommend people in other years to go on this trip.

Honey Clarke Henderson 8STE

"The Barcelona trip of 2023 was a very enjoyable and fun experience, I would definitely do it again. When I arrived at school very early on the morning of our flight, me and many other students had a register taken to make sure we were all here. The process of us getting on the coach to boarding our flight was a very relaxed and chilled time. We were left with plenty of time before our flight to get food and look around the shops at the airport.

The hotel we stayed in was nicely located, with a beach in front of it and multiple shops; the staff were lovely and very approachable. I shared a room with three other girls, and it was really fun, apart from the fact that we only had one small window. The room had air conditioning and a great bathroom. Our lights out time during the trip was very reasonable, at 12pm. Also, there was a wide selection of food in the restaurant buffet for breakfast and dinner.

Throughout the whole week, I had so much fun with my friends and other people doing the activities. The opportunities we were given, such as going to Camp Nou and to a theme park, were amazing. I also really enjoyed the freedom and independence we were given, at the same time as feeling safe with our teachers. Overall, I had such a good trip, and had so much fun. I would go again if I had the opportunity as I enjoyed it so much!"

Jenson Huxley 9EDU

The trip to Barcelona was very good and my favourite part was the museum and the shop at Camp Nou. The Sagrada Familia was good as well because it was massive.

Isla Smart 9EDU

I liked the Spanish Trip to Barcelona because we got to see all the history of Barcelona. I really enjoyed Parc Güell and La Sagrada Familia because we got to see Gaudí's art. I also enjoyed the treasure hunt that we did in La Rambla. Trying tapas on the first day was great and I liked the Berengenas a la pizza (aubergine with tomato and mozzarella), the goat's cheese was delicious too. I enjoyed that we had freedom to meet at a meeting point at a specific time on some parts of the trip. I loved the red roller coaster at the Tibidabo theme park too.

Sol Broadfield 9KPL

I really liked the Spanish trip because of all the things we did there. For example the Sagrada Familia was really good because of its immense size, the different patterns and building styles such as the stained glass windows. The Camp Nou tour was really good as well, it was just a bit annoying that it is under construction at the time we went. I also enjoyed playing volleyball on the beach at night and I found that really fun. Parc Güell was nice with all of the colours and the architectural design.



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UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge

The UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice competition aimed at high ability Maths students across the UK. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The highest scoring students, across the country, are given bronze, silver and gold certificates. Our students were awarded the following certificates:

Year 7

Thea Broadfield - Bronze
Spencer Cartledge - Bronze
Harry Jameson - Bronze
Bertie Mearns - Bronze
Jamie Oakley - Bronze
Isabella Swift - Bronze
Joshua Walker - Bronze
Ioan Jones - Silver

Year 8

Harry Andrews-Cooper - Bronze
Jack Anson - Bronze
Logan Carswell - Bronze
Thomas Clement - Bronze
Oliver Ellis - Bronze
Haris Ibrahim - Bronze
Archie Timbrell - Bronze
Freya Hay - Silver
Samuel Nash - Silver
Luke Westhead - Gold and best in school

It is very difficult to meet the threshold to be awarded a certificate. Our students did very well.

We are very proud of all of the students who took part in the challenge.

Miss Simons

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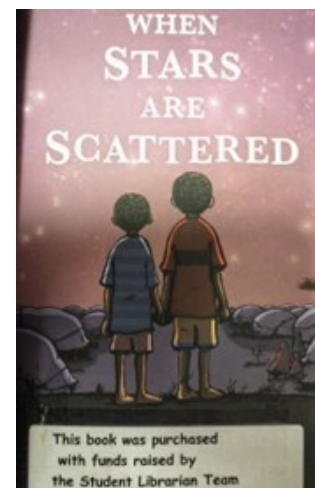
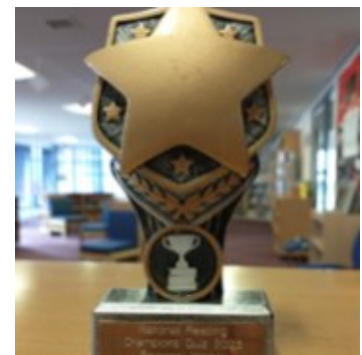
The Library

Quiz Team:

After winning the online regional heat of the National Literacy Trust's, National Reading Champions Quiz 2023, the team travelled to London to compete against 21 other schools. Although we didn't win it was a fantastic experience and exciting to compete in such a sumptuous venue – the Livery Hall, Goldsmiths! The team received £20 book voucher each, 4 free books, certificates and the regional trophy!



Student Librarians: These students made bookmarks using laminated pictures from old or damaged books, and sold them to classmates. With the money raised we were able to buy a graphic novel that is the true story of two brothers in a refugee camp – we hope this book will help our students empathise with others.



Library Competitions: 8STE entered every library competition this year making them the Form Competition Champions! Every student received a new book and a prize for Miss Simons for all her hard work and enthusiasm!



Coronation Competition winners:



Library Statistics:

- Over 6000 books borrowed this year!
- Over 450 books still out on loan for summer!
- Year 7 borrowed the most books this year!
- Year 9 brought in the most books from home to read!

Top 5 Borrowers:

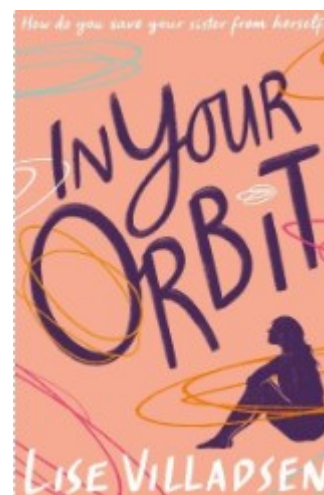
1. Ryan, Year 10
2. Josh, Year 7
3. Luke, Year 8
4. Duncan, Year 8

Most borrowed books this year:



Pensby Pundits: After another successful pitch to The Reading Agency, our book club received free copies of 'In Your Orbit' by Lise Villadsen to read and review for Little Tiger Books!

This term Year 7 Book Group have read and discussed the picture book 'The Dam' written by David Almond and illustrated by Levi Pinfold. They either read or listened to the audio book of 'Wolf Brother' which is the first book in the series 'Chronicles of Ancient Darkness' by Michelle Paver. They also read 'Resist' by Tom Palmer which is based on the incredible work of the Dutch resistance in WWII and inspired



Author Visit:

Year 8 had a great virtual visit with Kate Wiseman about the first book in her new series 'The Mudlark Mysteries – The Grinning Throat'. Kate explained what mudlarking was and showed us some of her finds. Hayden guessed correctly that one of the strange objects was an 18th century hair roller for a wig, and Kate is sending him a book as a prize! Students were challenged to draw some new characters or write a backstory for a mudlarking object. Mrs Dufton's quote about the book is printed inside the first pages!



Summer Book Fair:

During the penultimate week of term, we had the Scholastic half-price book fair. We took nearly £500 which earned us commission and we received more books for free for the school library!



Displays: Our displays change regularly to highlight National and International celebrations and events. This term we had the Coronation, and Eurovision as it was being held in Liverpool! Also, two Year 10 students created a colourful display in the library window to celebrate pride month!



Duke of Edinburgh Scheme 2023



Another successful year of students completing the Duke of Edinburgh award at Pensby.

We have had over 200 students successfully achieve either the Bronze or Silver awards this year which is absolutely fantastic!

DofE will run again next year with students in Year 9 having the opportunity to complete the Bronze award and Year 10 students their Silver award.

Congratulations to all the students who have taken part!





Year 11 Leavers 2023

Prom



I would like to wish our fabulous year 11s all the very best for your next chapter. Whether it be college or apprenticeship, I'm confident that you will shine! It has been an honour to be your head of year since year 8, there certainly has been times to remember, we've laughed a lot, cried a little, and it has all come good in the end. The Prom was a night to remember, you danced and sang the night away, once you could prise the karaoke mic away from Mr Wright and Mr Jones!

Good luck everyone, I hope you had the time of your life!

See you on results day.

Mrs O'Hare

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Top Tweets



Pensby High School @PensbyHig... · 6d ...
Year 9 sports day winners 9KPL receiving their sports day trophy!



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Last night, each class from Year 7 performed Greek Myths on stage in front of their family and friends. This took a lot of hard work, organisation and courage. They did themselves proud! This was a marvellous experience for so many students.



Pensby High School @Pe... · 10/07/2023 ...
Last week, 190 students performed scenes from Willy Russell's "Our Day Out" to a sold-out audience! We are so proud of their excellent performances; what an incredible achievement and a lifelong memory to cherish. Well done year 8!



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Year 7 CRI award Winners 2023
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Pensby High School @P... · 29/06/2023 ...

Year 7 have loved their cultural lessons this week: tasting a wide variety of Spanish [#tapas](#), using great table manners and food. Giving opinions in Spanish about the food. Great Pensby values on display too with helping to tidy up [#proudtobepensby](#) [#carerespectinspire](#)



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Pensby High School @P... · 23/06/2023 ...

The final Year 9 DofE Award, Bronze assessment expedition is taking place today. They're all relieved that the sun has gone in - it's been so hot! All doing brilliantly. It's the final of 10 trips finished, with hundreds of students completing the expedition section this year.



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Pensby High School @P... · 23/06/2023 ...

Year 7 working hard on their "Green Man" paintings for their end of year exams.



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Pensby High School @P... · 21/06/2023 ...

Students at Pensby doing extra curricula activities such as Chess and Uno at lunchtime today supported by Mrs J Hannaway [#teampensby](#) [#carerespectinspire](#)



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Pensby High School @P... · 22/06/2023 ...

A massive thank you to Mr WB and [@Stellantis](#) for the Women in Engineering Day at Ellesmere Port. Students saw how vehicles are made and across the 1.2m sq site. Stellantis, are a leading global car manufacturer of Vauxhall, Peugeot & Citroen. Thank you to everyone involved.



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Term Dates Academic Year 2023—2024

Term Dates 2023 - 2024 Autumn term 2023

Open Mon 4th September INSET DAY

Y7 pupils start Tues 5th September

All pupils in school from Wed 6th September

Fri 6th October INSET DAY

Half term Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October

Open Mon 30th October

Mon 13th November

INSET DAY Close Fri 22nd December

Christmas Holiday Mon 25th December – Fri 5th January

Spring Term 2024

Open Mon 8th January

Mon 29th January INSET DAY Fri 16th February INSET DAY

Half term Mon 19th February – Fri 23rd February

Close Thurs 28th March Spring break /

Easter Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April (includes Easter bank holidays)

Summer term 2024

Open Mon 15th April

May Day Bank Holiday Mon 6th May

Half term Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May

Close Tues 23rd Jul



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