



'Head' Lines - Friday 8th December

Headteacher's welcome - Friday 8th December



Welcome to this week's newsletter, 'Head' Lines.

As this calendar year slowly moves towards its end and mock examinations begin in earnest, I would like to share some positive messages. As I analyse the attendance data for this week, I would like to congratulate the students along with the parents and carers of Year 11 who have treated their mocks with the mature approach that they deserve and attended school regularly in order that they may complete them, hopefully to the best of their ability.

Similarly, I would wish to applaud students, parents, and carers of Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who have also improved on their attendance this week. Year 7 attendance is the best in the school at 96%

This week, we have had Year 7 students visit the Liverpool Everyman Theatre watching a performance of Rock and Roll Cinderella.

On Sunday, seven members of staff raised over £200 for Claire House charity at the Liverpool Santa Dash. All of the staff managed to complete the course and this takes the total amount to over £2179. Every penny raised will make a massive difference for a great cause.

Just a reminder that we are on various social media platforms – Instagram, Facebook and X.

<https://twitter.com/pensbyhighsch?lang=en>

<https://twitter.com/pensbyhighschInstagram>

<https://www.instagram.com/pensbyhighschool/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PensbyHighSchool/>

Finally, we have been busy rehearsing for our annual Pensby's Got Talent. For more details see the section in this newsletter.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend,

With kindest regards,

Mr K Flanagan
Headteacher

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5 on a Friday

Celebrating success here at Pensby High School

Congratulations to the following students across the year groups for featuring in our rewards leaderboard and receiving nominations for a 'shout out' from teaching staff including their Heads of year.

Well done!

Year 10

Alfie D'arcy.....great assistance to staff following a playground injury/accident

Sol Boadfield & Matty Ellis.....being a true friend to a fellow pupil in their hour of need.

Brad Roberts.....bravery and resilience following a sporting accident

Isabelle McPhail.....Just an overall outstanding student and person!

A massive well done from Mr Woodward-Booth,

Year 11

Mia Haslam- For coming in when she was unwell and showing determination to do her absolute best.

Sophie Sharp- Really positive attitude during the whole exam period so far, lifting up others too.

Scarlett Hanlon - Improvements in managing her anxiety and completing every exam when she thought she was unable to do so.

Jake Dixon- Positive attitude displayed during the exam period and great work encouraging his

Lewis Upton- Good attitude and behaviour around the exam period.

Year 8

James Walker

Isabella Ford

Latazia Beardsmore

Katie McCluskey

Grace Woods

Connie Fee

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Panto time - Oh no it isn't....



On Thursday, Y7 pupils visited the Liverpool Everyman Theatre for a production of Cinderella with a difference.

Ms Milns praised the students for their behaviour and how they enthusiastically joined in with all aspects of audience participation. They shouted, sang and were gladly soaked with water pistols!

She also thanked everyone for their support with the pantomime trip, especially Mrs O'Hare who provided invaluable support and Karen Nugent in the Main Office who was an admin machine!

"Adam (Keast) is in his 21st panto and deserves a Tony Award for longevity and for being the best ad-libber."Wirral Globe

The Rock 'n' Roll Panto [Cinderella](https://www.everymanplayhouse.com) is on at the Liverpool Everyman until Sat 20 Jan 2024. See the website for more details -

<https://www.everymanplayhouse.com>





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1 - Pensby gets a shout out

Pensby Football Update

Last week, the year 8 boys Football team beat Hilbre 3-0

Callum Houldin 1, Charlie Houldin 2; they have another match on Thursday V Ridgway.

The year 7/8 girls beat West Kirby 6-2

Sophie Oldfield 3, Rosie Black 1, Beth Robison 1, Freya Morris 1.

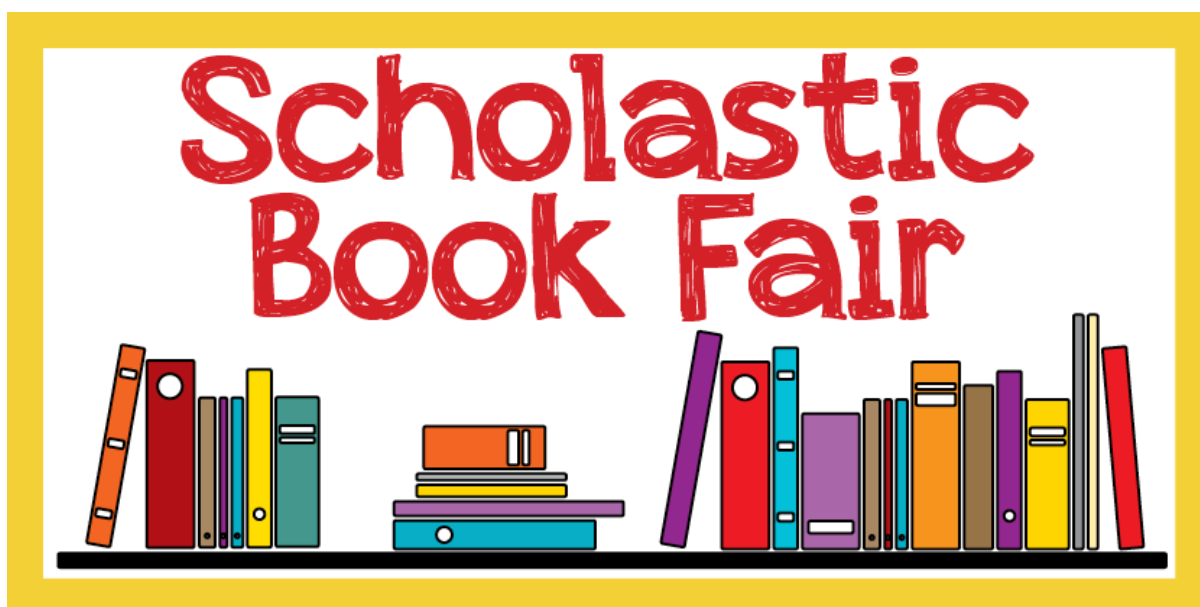
Year 8 Boys Football against Ridgeway High ended in a draw.

A massive shout out Callum Houldin and Ben Plant.

Year 10 Boys Football will be playing Ridgeway themselves next week – watch this space!

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Scholastic Book Fair



We raised a total of £640 (slightly down from last year) however this is a major accomplishment as other local schools only raise between £100 - £200!

Period Poverty



The Department for Education runs a period product scheme which provides free period products to girls and women in their place of study. Period products should be available for all who need them, when they need them, so they can access education. Having periods should not be a barrier to education for anyone.

Girls, women, and pupils and students who identify as non-binary or transgender, who have periods may all need to access this scheme. All pupils and students in schools and 16 to 19 organisations should be able to access period products if they need them.

This may include, for example, where individuals:

- have forgotten or run out of products at their school or college
- cannot afford products
- have come on their period unexpectedly

We have a large supply of sanitary towels, tampons and period underwear in school that is available to any of our students who request them and we regularly issue full packs of period products to students.

Students know that they can ask their form tutor, at the SSC or they can come to A4 and ask me for them. We encourage period positivity around school with an awareness campaign and talk openly about them. Having periods is a fact of life for half the population and we encourage boys to be supportive and understanding.

We would be happy to pass on a box of sanitary towels to families who are on free school meals or need them due to the increased cost of living.

Please email your child's head of year if your family need them.

Kind regards

Mrs Teare

Head of PSHE

Santa Dash for Pensby staff



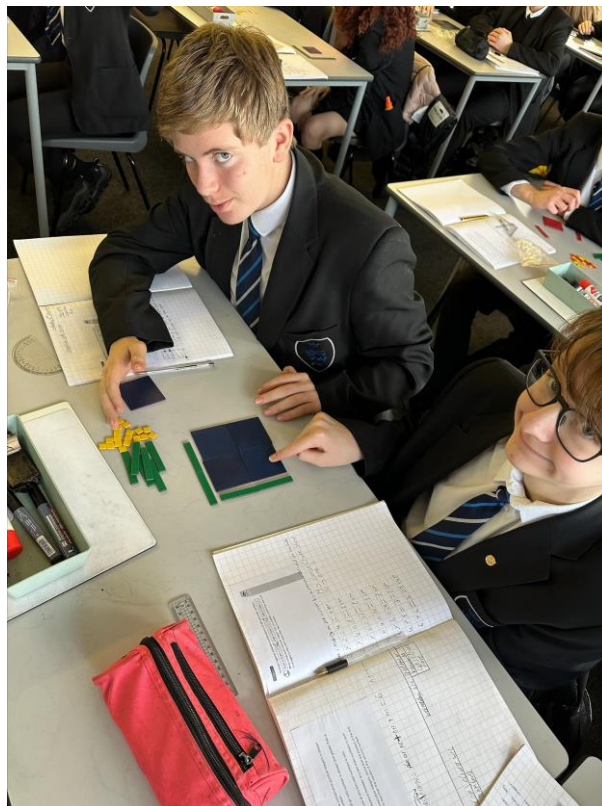
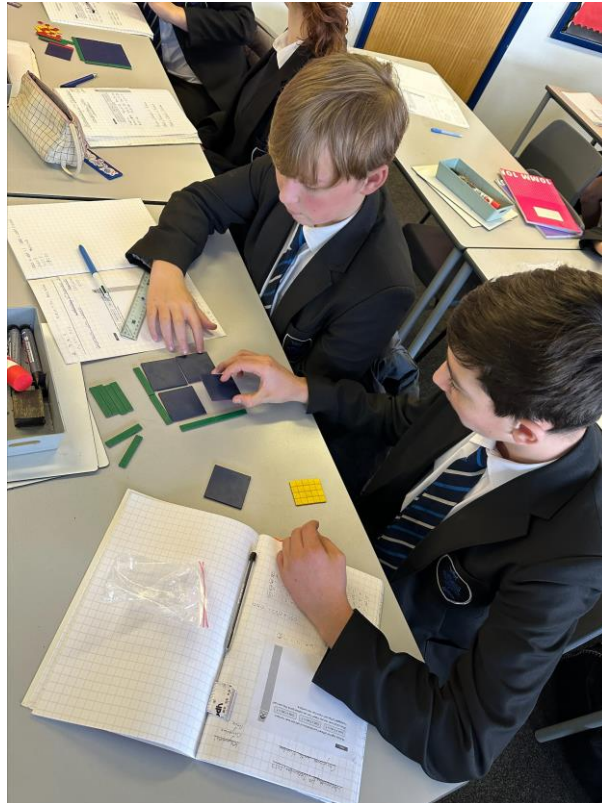
Santa Dash –

On a very brisk Sunday morning, 7 staff from Pensby joined over 7,000 Santas to participate in the Liverpool Santa Dash. All the staff managed to complete the course and raise £210 for Claire House. Another fantastic achievement which takes our grand total raised for Claire House to £2,179! Thank you to all who have donated, every penny raised makes a massive difference.

Maths

Year 9 Pupil's in Mr Jones' class have been exploring conjectures with number. Here the pupils are using algebra tiles to prove that the product of two even numbers is always even. Concrete manipulatives in mathematics provide tangible objects that students can touch and move, helping to

make abstract concepts more tangible and promoting a deeper understanding of the underlying structures. '



Pensby's Got Talent

**PENSBY
HIGH
SCHOOL
PENSBY'S
GOT
TALENT**



**LAST DAY OF TERM
FRIDAY
DECEMBER 22
2023
PERFORMANCES
KS3 SHOWS
KS4 SHOWS**

The Process..
Stage 1
Week of 27th Nov - 1st Dec
Forms choose best talent in form groups during pastoral time.
(form tutors email auditionees
names and chosen talent by Fri 1st
Dec)
Stage 2
Prospective Talent Audition TUESDAY 5th December after School @ The
Drama Studio (long wait possible!)
Rehearsal w/b 11th December, DAYS/TIMES TBC

CAST WILL PERFORM THE SHOW 3 TIMES ON THE LAST MORNING ON THE LAST DAY BEFORE
CHRISTMAS FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2023

Max of 2 acts can get through per form (forms decide this week) to the Auditions stage on Wednesday 6 December 2023, after school drama studio A 2.20pm -5pm

REMEMBER TALENT CAN BE ALMOST ANYTHING,

TOP PRIZES FOR 1ST PLACE, 2ND PLACE AND 3RD PLACE.

REMEMBER,

TALENT CAN BE ALMOST ANYTHING, SINGING, RAP, BANDS, MUSICAL, POP, ROCK...STAND UP COMEDY, PLAYING AND INSTRUMENT, COMEDY SKETCH.... DANCING (individual or group) classic or modern...STREET DANCE.....BEATBOX....DJ SKILLS.....PUPPET SHOW.....BREAKDANCE...JUGGLING....AND MORE!



Christmas Toy Appeal



It is that time of year again when we are thinking about Christmas, as you know Cash for Kids run **Mission Christmas**.

Mission Christmas collects new toys to give to children who wouldn't have anything to open on Christmas day

If you can support Mission Christmas by buying a gift and bringing it into school that would be brilliant, we know that times are tough so we understand if you are unable to.

The link to their website is below, so you can have a look:

<https://cashforkids.org.uk/mission>

If you bring a gift in, please either drop this off at reception or get your child to bring it into school and hand it to your form tutor or head of year.

Members of the charity action team will come and collect your gifts.

Thank you

Miss K Simons

Help and support at Christmas



FREE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUBS
FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN
ACROSS WIRRAL

HOLIDAY Activities with Food

from Wirral Council and Edsential

Booking is essential so contact the relevant provider using our interactive online map:

www.edsentia.com/HAF

WIRRAL **Edsential** **Department for Education**

Keep up with all the holiday fun on our social media pages
WirralCouncil and EdsentialUK WirralCouncil and EdsentialUK



COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.

 0300 123 3393 Helpline mind.org.uk	 Text SHOUT to 85258 24/7 text service giveushout.org	 116 123 24/7 helpline samaritans.org
 Text YM to 85258 24/7 text service youngminds.org.uk	 0800 58 58 58 Helpline for men thecalmzone.net	 0800 068 4141 Under 35s Helpline papyrus-uk.org

GCSE Pod



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GCSEPod is a digital learning platform with over 6000, short videos known as 'Pods' which are designed to help support students with specific, tailored information. GCSEPod uses scientifically proven learning techniques to engage students in a way that builds confidence and resilience

encouraging them to work smarter, not harder. Another feature includes 'Check and Challenge' where pupils can test their knowledge and understanding through multiple choice questions. GCSEPod is compatible with all smart phones, this means students can download Pods to their phones and can access them at any time. GCSEPod is proven to help students achieve one grade higher on average than non-users.

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2. Click 'New to GCSEPod? Get Started'
3. Enter your name, date of birth and the name of your school
4. Create a username and password

For more information please visit
www.gcsepod.com/parents



gcsepod.com

info@gcsepod.com

[0191 338 7830](tel:01913387830)

Helping students log in for the first time



Activating Accounts

All students have already been registered with GCSEPod. Before using the site, they need to activate their accounts by following these simple steps:

1. Go to www.gcsepod.com and click "Login"
2. Click "New Here? Get Started!"
3. Select "Student"

LOGIN

NEW HERE? GET STARTED

USERNAME OR EMAIL ADDRESS

PASSWORD

LOGIN

PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK FOR YOUR ACCOUNT TYPE BELOW:

STUDENT

TEACHER

NEW USER

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

SCHOOL

CONFIRM YOUR SCHOOL

1. Enter their name, date of birth and type in the name of your school. The school name should appear. Click on it to confirm.

Been here before?

*If you're having trouble finding your school, double check that you've entered the correct date of birth and full name as it appears on the school's register. Some schools are known by a shorter version of their name so make sure you're typing the full, official school name.



LOG ON NOW @
www.gcsepod.com



Troubleshooting

Sorry, we can't find you. Please make sure that all the details are correct. Please remember that you may be known by another name (e.g. Tom rather than Thomas).

Still stuck? Email support@gcsepod.com

If the message to the left appears, the details the student has entered do not match the details registered on our system. If this happens, please ask the student to try again, ensuring there are no spelling errors in their name and they use the correct date of birth.

Also try alternative names such as "Daniel" rather than "Dan".

Still not recognising the student?

Check what details have been registered for the student on GCSEPod by completing these steps:

1. Log on to GCSEPod with your own account.
2. Click the green "Monitor and Manage" box on the teacher dashboard
3. Type the name of the student into the search bar and you will see the details they have been registered with. Double check the date of birth and spelling of the name and ask the student to copy these directly.

Still not recognising the student?

In 95% of cases, the student will have been registered using the details from the school's MIS system. It may be that the student is not entered on the school MIS (e.g. if they have just joined the school) or they may have been entered with a spelling mistake in their name. Please login to your school's MIS and check the details of the student. GCSEPod always uses the student's preferred first name and surname.

If the details for the student in the school's MIS are incorrect you can still activate the account using the incorrect details and then ask your MIS Manager to correct this later.

Still not recognising the student?

Please contact us on 01913387830 or email support@gcsepod.com and a member of the team will be able to help identify the problem and provide a solution.



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Careers Guidance and Support



Don't forget Airbus in Broughton, Flintshire have a great opportunity tomorrow - **Saturday 9 December 2023.**

Airbus will be holding an Apprentice Careers open day at their Broughton Site. This event is the perfect opportunity to learn all about a career with Airbus.

The event is aimed at learners over the age of 12.

What to expect on the day

Airbus has a wide range of exciting apprenticeship opportunities - giving employees the opportunity to gain globally recognised qualifications all whilst learning and earning on-the-job.

The event will allow attendees to discover the wide range of programmes available from their craft and technical programmes, to degree apprenticeships.

They would like to welcome anyone with an interest in pursuing an apprenticeship with them into their impressive North Factory (home of the revolutionary A350 wing), where you will be hosted by a number of their current Early Careers population of apprentices, graduates and interns - who will be on hand to share their experience of the application process and what it's like to be part of their world leading Early Careers programmes.

Their education partners will also be there to help you understand the academic side of the apprenticeship programme, as well as the recruitment team who can support you with any application queries.

Date: Saturday 9 December 2023

Time: 13.30 - 16.30

Venue: Airbus Main Entrance, Chester Road, Broughton, Flintshire, CH4 0DR

Please note:

- **No one under the age of 12 is permitted on site**
- Limited number of places per application (please bring no more than four additional people with you)
- There is no access on site before 13:00 on the day



LGBTQ+ Support - Pride Action Team



Pensby High School is an inclusive environment and all students, staff, parents and visitors should feel welcome and supported. The award focuses on positive LGBTQ+, (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, plus other related identities), inclusion and visibility.

Our School Governors are in full support of the award and the inclusive practices we have at Pensby High School.

We will often promote activities within the community and for students through the newsletter however we understand that you may want to explore LGBTQ+ identities further. If you are seeking additional information, advice or support then please follow the links below.

Pride Action

We run an inclusive Pride Action Team in school regularly that is open to all students. Details are published regularly via form notices. This is a safe space for students to self organise as well as seek

out further support if required. Previously the group has run social events and coordinated whole school form activities.

Pride action team put up this display and posed this question for class discussion:

What can schools do to raise awareness and support for trans pupils?

LGBTQ+ Resources

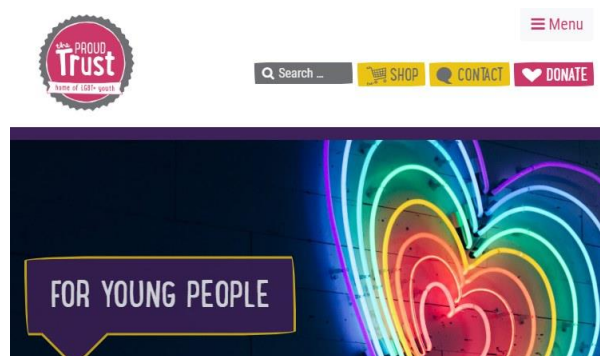
[Stonewall Young Futures](#)

Helpful advice and information. If you need to talk to someone, you can also call the Stonewall information service on 08000 50 20 20.



[The Proud Trust](#)

The Proud Trust are a charity who support LGBT+ youth. They have lots of help and advice for young people on their website.



[LGBT Foundation](#)

LGBT Foundation is a national charity delivering advice, support and information services to lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) communities.



Trans & Gender Diverse Resources

[Mermaids](#)

Mermaids work with young people who feel at odds with the gender they have been assigned. They also work with parents and carers of young people going through these feelings.

As well as reading information on their website, you can also call the Mermaids helpline on 0344 334 0550 (Monday-Friday, 9am-9pm) if you'd prefer to talk to someone. Mermaids also operates an emergency text service – if you need help now, text 'Mermaids' to 85258.



[Gendered Intelligence](#)

Gendered Intelligence runs projects for young people who identify as trans.

Their [Knowledge is Power](#) resource is a great place to start educating yourself about trans people and trans issues. They also have information for parents and families, as well as for adults who work with young people (such as teachers and youth workers).