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MAY 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our latest edition of the UH Newsletter, where we have more information to share and many successes to celebrate.

This clearly demonstrates some of the outstanding practice that is evident at Up Holland. However, we want to continue improving and ensuring that all students receive the outstanding education they deserve.

To support with that aspiration, we recently hosted our first 'Parent Focus Group', enabling parents to share their views on what is going well in school and what we could do even better. You will see some of the suggestions, including further developments to home learning, being adapted in the near future. We will be hosting further events as we seek to involve parents and carers more in the decision making processes across school. It is important that parents and students have a voice and contribute, with staff and governors, to improving our already good school still further.

My final note is to wish our Year 11 students the very best of luck as they embark on their GCSE exams. I am confident that they are well prepared and have the necessary positive attitude and work ethic to succeed. The whole staff wish you all the very best.

Be confident, stay calm, you will be amazing!

Yours sincerely,
Mr Scarborough

WELCOME EVENTS FOR YEAR 6

For all the parents of our September 2022 intake, we would like to offer a warm welcome to you all. Some key dates for diaries include Wednesday 29th June, when we welcome Year 6 for Transition Day and then later the same day, we have the Year 6 Parents' Information Evening.

We would then like to welcome students to the Y6 Disco on Thursday 14th July to welcome them to our school community.

UPLIFTING UMBRELLA'S

The Neurodiversity Umbrella Project is an uplifting visual representation of all the different minds we have here in the UK. At Up Holland High School, we are standing proud to celebrate those of us who are neurodivergent.

This wonderful display was created by our SEND department and site staff. Our Umbrella Project installation helps to raise awareness and understanding of neurodiversity.

Each display is designed to represent the one in five of us who have a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia or Tourette's syndrome. These conditions fall under the umbrella term of neurodiversity.

On Friday 27th May, we would like to welcome you to a Neurodiversity Celebration Morning between 9:30am and 11am to join us for coffee, tea and refreshments and sit under our umbrella's. We look forward to seeing you there.





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WEST LANC'S DANCE WINNERS

Congratulations to our students from Y7-10 who entered the West Lancashire Dance Competition before Easter. We are really pleased to say that they achieved 1st place!

They will now represent West Lancs and compete in the Lancashire Finals, which will be held at Blackpool Winter Gardens on 18th May.



LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

We are pleased to share that our Y9 football team have won the district league with a great season, recording 5 wins and 1 draw. They remained unbeaten all season! What a fantastic achievement! Congratulations to all who participated.



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Ethan and Daniel in Yr 7 for winning the 'We Wonder: Protect our Planet' poster competition. We also have a new word millionaire this week, congratulations to Jorja H.

ATTENDANCE UPDATES

Well done to the personal development groups for being the highest attenders: 7E, 8D, 9F, 10F and 11C. A fabulous 452 students have 100% attendance for this half term.

PREMIER LEAGUE AMBITION

Wigan Athletic scholars, Charlie Hughes and Joe Adams, visited Year 8 pupils at Up Holland High School to assist them with their Premier League Inspires Challenge presentation.

The Y8 students previously pitched their idea around making the DW Stadium more environmentally friendly to the second-year scholars - as well as to the Academy's Head of Welfare and Education, Mike Hurn, at the start of March.



After attending an insightful development day for the Premier League Inspires programme at Anfield last week, the students took inspiration from the numerous workshops about environmental sustainability to further develop their idea of producing reusable cups on a matchday to reduce the use of plastic on the concourse.

Ran in partnership with the PFA and Prince's Trust, the Inspires programme aims to raise the aspirations of pupils not reaching their full potential and give them that extra bit of input to help them get on in school and in their outside lives.

Pupils will now work with staff from the Community Trust on the idea and will go on to represent Latics at a celebration event with the Premier League later this year.



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COMMUNITY GARDEN CELEBRATION

We would like to thank all of our parents and members of the community who attended our St George's Day Garden Party.

The event, hosted in our redeveloped garden at the front school, saw an afternoon tea provided by Mrs Evans and the Hospitality and Catering students being served to our guests.

Students led by Mrs Worthington and Mrs Callaghan then entertained everyone with songs and performances they have been working on in lessons. A lovely afternoon was had by all.



PARENT FOCUS GROUP

On Wednesday 27th April, Mr Chilvers & Mrs Bond, supported by Mr Hurst, Mr Whittle and Mr Priestley hosted our first parent focus group meeting.

We would like to thank all who attended and those who passed apologies. The meeting was really productive and we discussed home learning, initiatives to support learning and community links. The discussions provided us with excellent feedback as we look to work in partnership with all families to support the growth of the young people who attend Up Holland.

If you would like more information and to join us at the next one next half term, please contact Mr Chilvers via email S.Chilvers@upholland.lancs.sch.uk

GENDER SPACE AWARENESS

On 31st March 2022, we raised our LGBT progress flag outside school and welcomed Christian Owens, from Gender Space, to school to celebrate International Trans Visibility Awareness Day.

All staff took part in a training event and students were given a presentation on the issues surrounding trans awareness and providing guidance on how to support students who may be questioning their gender.

The sessions were truly inspirational and humbling and so much was gained by all involved. We would like to thank Christian for his time and look forward to welcoming him back to school for more events in the future.



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genderspaceuk #inspirational As I reflect on the time that I've spent with students @uhhschool I'm filled with inspiration, joy and happiness. It makes me so fulfilled and delighted that sharing my own journey as a trans male means that I can reach out and touch the lives of others in a positive way. Keep being you, be proud of your identity and embrace your journey #tdov #transdayofvisibility #beyourself #trans #nonbinary #identity #loveyourself #genderspace 🇬🇧 🇩🇪

INSTAGRAM

We have a number of departments in school currently running Instagram accounts that we encourage students and parents to follow to see what happens daily in school. They are: Art (@uhhsarts), DT (@uhhsdt), PE/Performing Arts (@uhhsPEPA), Library (@uhhslibrary) and Phoenix (@uhhssend).



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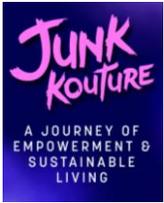
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LANCASHIRE BOOK OF THE YEAR 2022

English class, 9.1, have been shortlisted as a judging group and now have until September to read the 12 books and vote on a winner. A day out is planned in June to meet the authors at UCLAN to help students decide on a winner.

Also, a big well done to those who took part in raising money during our readathon event. Alder Hey patients will benefit greatly from the £300 raised which will go towards providing storyteller sessions and new books for children staying on the wards.

JUNK KOUTURE – AMBER SET TO WOW LONDON



Year 10 student, Amber F, has been selected from hundreds of entries for the Junk Kouture finals in London, beating off designs from other high school's, colleges and universities.

The world's largest youth sustainable fashion competition makes their debut in the United Kingdom this year! The Junk Kouture London City Final 2022 sees finalists from post-primary schools across the UK battle it out for their place in the Junk Kouture World Final in Abu Dhabi as they model haute-couture designs made entirely from recycled materials for our Junk Kouture judges.

Amber spent hours after school working on the project with Miss Pritchard and her outfit, "Pretty in drink" focused on the effects of single use materials on the environment, especially the ocean. She will be competing at the Hackney Empire against 40 other designs and in a new twist, the top 10 designs from the London City Final, will be selected by the Junk Kouture judging panel for the World Final where they will compete with 50 other designs from Abu Dhabi, London, Paris, Milan, Dublin and New York City.

It goes without saying we wish Amber all the best on her incredible journey and are all very proud of her commitment and effort towards this enrichment project.

You can see and read more about the project at <https://junkkouture.com/united-kingdom/>

SOCIETIES & CLUBS

At Up Holland we pride ourselves on the range of clubs available. Students can now register themselves on synergy to after school sessions, allowing parents to see what they have attended and how many times. Clubs currently running include: Arts Leaders, DT Club, Science Club, Geography Club, Phoenix Sports, Phoenix Voices, STEM Club, Anime Club, Film Club, Gym Fitness Studio, Concert Band, Tennis Coaching, LGBTQ Society, Games Club, Chess Club, Coding & Robotics, Rounders, Walk & Talk Friday, Podcasting, Art Club, Scrabble Club, Rugby, Field Football (Lunch) and Athletics.

If students would like to get involved in any of these, they just need to check on synergy to see which staff run the sessions and drop in.

STEM BUILDING AT UNIVERSITY

On Tuesday 26th April, seven students from Y7/8 went with Mr Carey to Edge Hill University as part of the National competition run by Tomorrow's Engineers.

The competition is a great way to develop the skills needed in the engineers of the future as it challenges students to build a robot out of Lego technic using the Mindstorms coding software.

The robots perform pre-prepared tasks and the group of students also completed an unseen task linked to STEM, in this event a slow marble run was used. The students also prepared and delivered a PowerPoint presentation to three STEM Ambassadors in which they had to present ideas for an Eco-town making use of Recycling, Reusing and Reducing materials.

The students all performed admirably on the day. They were excellent ambassadors for the school, demonstrating amazing teamwork, great initiative and came away thoroughly enthused about the areas of STEM.





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This month we are exploring the Maths faculty and the enrichment opportunities on offer.

Maths Staff:

Progress Leader : Mrs Sharples
Assistant Progress Leader : Mr Taylor
Assistant Progress Leader : Mrs Merritt
Assistant Head : Mrs Scarborough
Teacher of Maths: Mr Hurst
Teacher of Maths: Miss Barton
Teacher of Maths: Miss Tyler
Teacher of Maths: Mrs Seeds

CROSS CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENTS

Up Holland Maths and Science departments have been working closely to link skills applicable to both subjects. Mr Taylor and Mrs Barry have attended several workshops together and have some great ideas that can be used across the disciplines. Watch this space for further developments.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess club at Up Holland is on a Thursday lunchtime in MA4. It is proving to be a very popular game and is well attended by students across all year groups. Come along and get involved or learn to play. All are welcome.

We are hoping to run our first ever chess tournament soon. We could have another Magnus Carlsen - The Norwegian has held the world title since 2013.

MATHS IS EVERYWHERE

Maths is used in so many other subjects! Core Maths is a qualification which can sit alongside other A levels or BTECs – Year 10 joined AMSP online for an engaging live session to find out how and why!

Students had the opportunity to choose which subjects discussed in detail, and answered/discussed questions relevant to that subject! We looked at links in subjects such as Biology, Psychology, Sports studies, Geography and Economics. The Core Maths qualification links well to a variety of subjects and is worth considering alongside all types of college courses.

UCLAN VISIT

A group of year 9 and 10 students took part in a STEM activity, visiting UCLAN in Preston. They took part in a Lab session making Paracetamol syrup and completing a Gram Stain activity. The students were then taken on a tour of the campus to see all of its facilities.



UKMT INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE

The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge promoting a love of problem solving.



It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience. Students in Year 9 and 10 were entered, and we had some fantastic results. Congratulations to all that took part:

	Bronze award	Silver award	Gold award
Year 9	Ethan B, Tom O Arron W	Sian J Charlie W	
Year 10	Oliver C, Hristiyan D, Ben G, Brandon G, Ellie P, Leon S Lucy T, Dylan W	Mark H Daisy L William R Ruary W	James E

YEAR 11 – GCSE EXAM INFORMATION

Maths

1MA1 1F/1H – Friday 20th May (am)
1MA1 2F/2H – Tuesday 7th June (am)
1MA1 3F/3H – Monday 13th June (am) Advance information link Maths genie revision site Corbett maths revision

Statistics

1STO 1F/1H – Tuesday 14th June (am)
1STO 2F/2H – Friday 24th June (am) Advance information link Maths genie revision site

AQA Further Maths

Paper 1 – 8th June (pm)
Paper 2 – 22nd June (pm)



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is excited to invite you to our

Neurodiversity celebration morning

Friday 27th of May

9:30-11am

*Tea, coffee and refreshments
will be provided*



**Come and see our
umbrella installation
in support of the
ADHD foundation**