



A Word from the Headteacher



Dear Families,

It gives me great pleasure to be writing to you at the end of my first term as Headteacher. I have been overwhelmed by the number of letters of support I have received from parents this term. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on all the great things the students have been up to this term.

This term has been extremely busy. We were inundated with visitors on Open Evenings and Open Morning tours this term. Visitors to the school have been uniformly impressed by how confident, articulate and welcoming they have found our students and the lively and engaging learning going on in lessons throughout the school. I feel extremely proud and privileged to represent the school on these occasions, and I know that I speak for all members of the Senior Leadership Team here. We are finding that there is lots of interest in the school from families outside of the local area who really value the community ethos of the school.

I am also excited about some new staffing appointments we have made this term. I am delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Florence Pope who will be joining us in January as a new Assistant Headteacher. Miss Pope is currently Head of English and Associate Assistant Headteacher at Boston Spa School. I have also appointed Mr Stephen Acreman as a new Chemistry teacher. He will also be joining us in January.

Mr Acreman is a very experienced teacher who has taught for several years. He is currently Head of Chemistry at Poynton High School. I am also delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Sharron Gatward as the new Head of English. Many of you will already be familiar with Ms Gatward who is currently the second in department. She has been promoted to Head of English with immediate effect. The former Head of English, Mrs Caroline Burke, will take up a new position as Leader of Advanced Learners. She will have a special focus on ensuring that there is sufficient stretch and challenge for the most able students particularly in Year 7.

There have been several highlights this term. I have been extremely impressed with the high standards set by the Year 7. They have settled well and have fully engaged with all the school has to offer. We have also managed to cram in a ROSE Day, Guided Choices Evening, Key Stage 4 Examination Preparation Evening, Year 9 GCSE trips to the River Bollin, GCSE Awards Evening, Oxbridge Preparation and a day of fundraising for Macmillan cancer support. I was extremely lucky to be able to share in the moments of success for students who sat summer exams. I think it is fitting that my first front page should celebrate their success.

We hope that this issue gives you a flavour of what we have been up to this term.

Best regards

Mr Botwe

Headteacher



Welcome to Year 7

The Year 7 cohort have made an exceptional start to the year. After settling in extremely well in their first full week, the Year 7s have fully immersed themselves into life at Tytherington School both inside and outside of lesson time. Respect for both peers and staff has been the key to a positive start for the year group as a whole and this has established a welcoming and purposeful learning atmosphere.

Year 7 Rope Race Trip

Each form attended the Rope Race Adventure Centre in Marple, from the 21st – 23rd September. An amazing time



was had by all: pupils threw themselves into the full range of activities on offer which included team-building, archery, canoeing, kayaking and rock-climbing. The trip was an opportunity for all pupils to take part in a bit of friendly competition, develop new skills and build even stronger relationships with people in their peer group. The pupils represented Tytherington School impeccably, with Rope Race staff commenting on



outstanding behaviour and impressive knowledge shown by all Year 7 pupils over the course of the three days.



Internet Safety & Wellbeing

All Year 7 pupils participated in their first ever ROSE Day at Tytherington School at the end of the September. The focus of the day was on Internet Safety & Wellbeing, a very relevant and necessary topic for Year 7 as they become more accustomed to using social media in particular.

Interhouse Sport Competitions

Football & Netball – Huge congratulations to all those who took part in the first set of Inter-house sports fixtures for Year 7. A huge turnout for both the Year 7 Boys' Football and Year 7 Girls' Netball saw three extremely competitive games between the Ash, Elm and Oak teams with Ash house winning both the football and netball competitions!! The next Inter-house Sports competition to take place will be Badminton on the first Thursday after half-term.

Form Tutors' Parents' Evening 8th October

We were delighted to see so many families coming to school to meet with the form tutors to find out more about the life in Year 7.

Extracurricular Activities

The Year 7s have been very proactive and involved themselves in all the opportunities that Tytherington School has to offer. With extra-curricular activities taking place before and after school and also during lunchtimes, there is a wealth of activities to choose from. Year 7 pupils have been involved in everything from drama and music to sports clubs. The PE Department have been particularly impressed with the commitment shown by Year 7, resulting in some very successful football and netball results for both girls and boys. For further details on how well the Year 7s have done in inter-school competition, please see the PE section of the Academy News.

What is school like for a typical year 7?

Caitlin Hunter – 7CZ

My first eight week experience of Tytherington School has been nothing short of amazing! I have made many new friends and have had lots of different opportunities.

One of the first exciting events I attended was the Rope Race. We did this as the three different houses. I had a fantastic time taking part in rock climbing, kayaking, team-work exercises and archery even though the weather wasn't kind to us. I think I speak for all of Year 7 when I say we had a brilliant time.

The Year 8 Gardening Project

Although we have all been working hard with our new teachers, there are many 'out of classroom' activities to take part in at school. My friends and I have been able to represent our new school in various sports including netball and football. However, there are numerous other sports clubs to attend where you can compete or play for fun. I am a member of the football and netball team and trampolining club.

Overall, I am so pleased I came to Tytherington and I am sure I will continue to love the school.



Aiden Simpson – 7CZ

Since joining Tytherington School in September, Year 7 has been offered a vast number of activities to help us to settle in, such as different clubs, a trip to Rope Race and ROSE day. This has helped most of us to remember teachers, places and other Year 7s, making it easier when in lessons.

During the trip to Rope Race, we did lots of team-building activities and sports. The day consisted of rock-climbing, archery, canoeing/kayaking and bouldering.

After Rope Race, Year 7 had a Rose Day along with the rest of the school. In 7CZ we suggested ways to relax. Ideas such as TV, reading and meditation came up but a Star Wars marathon had to be the best. Unfortunately, we didn't put it to the test. However, we did try reading, drawing and meditation.

Throughout the term clubs have constantly been on offer. I have been to: rugby, pantomime, rollercoaster, warhammer, art club, science club, Year 7-8 band and creative writing. It helps us to get to know the teachers so that you can understand the lessons more.

Miss Billington and Miss Linekar in Year 8 are working with a team of Year 8 students to develop a piece of land at the back of school. They are working with a charity called "Groundwork" and the Royal Horticultural Society to develop two sections of land. The first phase is to develop a fruit/veg and plant area and the second phase is to create an outside garden that can be used by all the students at Tytherington.

We are looking for any old tools/pots that you may no longer want or use. If you are able to donate any unwanted garden resources, please contact Mrs Healey



or Miss Billington.

Department Spotlight: PE

Every term we will be putting the spotlight on a different department. This term it is the turn of PE. Let's see what they have been up to so far this year.

Boys' Football

It's been a tough introduction to the football season for the boys' teams at Tytherington with former national champions blocking the way for more than one year group whilst the Year 7s have been showing the rest just how it should be done!

The Year 8s unfortunately lost in a tough 1st round draw to Failsworth and Winsford. However, the performances showed that they are determined to stick together and improve as a team.

The Year 9s have had an up and down start, suffering a heartbreaking 3-2 defeat thanks to a last minute goal at the hands of Sandbach before bouncing back to a brilliant 5-4 friendly victory against the mighty Repton with the winner coming from the boot of Brian McClintock.

The Year 10s came close to felling a very talented Wright Robinson College team but couldn't hold on to a 2-1 lead despite playing some excellent football.

The Year 11s will be disappointed to have lost their

opening 3 games this year after doing so well last year but in truth any school would have found their opponents a tough proposition. Amongst their opponents were Thomas Telford School who boasted a full squad of players currently playing at Academy level.

After opening the season with a superb 5-3 victory over Audenshaw, the 6th form teams have also been faced with strong teams who had a little too much to handle on the day.

With all of these teams, the focus will be on the Macclesfield & District Cup, where every Year group has the potential to match the two Tytherington teams from last year who reached the finals at Wilmslow.



Star Team

The Year 7s have been the shining lights in Boys' Football so far this season, comfortably winning their first two games together as a team. Their opening game was away to Chorlton and from the outset it was clear that the boys were on a different level to their opposition, and this led eventually to a fantastic 6-0 victory, with Charlie Edwards scoring a mesmerising hat-trick.

The second game against Newall Green was a slightly tighter affair, if only because the ball was seemingly magnetised to the frame of the goal rather than the back of the net. After striking the woodwork at least four times, the Tytherington boys won 3-1 with an Adam Bennison header a particular highlight!

For the Year 7s it is onto the next round in the National Cup with the Macclesfield and District Cup in their sights in the new year.

Girls' football

Tytherington Girls in Years 7, 8 and 9 took on Poynton High School in their first competitive fixture of the year. Years 8 and 9 combined to make an U14 team and showed real promise in the first half of their game

creating chances and defending well to go in at the break 0-0. After the break, Olivia Few managed to break the deadlock for Tytherington with a strike into the bottom left corner. Poynton responded with a number of attacks, only to be stopped by the strong back line of Saskia Moores and Jess Forse. Eventually the defence broke down enabling Poynton to score an equaliser with just 5 minutes to go. Both teams continued to attack down to the last minute but with no reward and the game finished 1 goal apiece. Player of the match was awarded to Olivia Few for her fantastic work rate and excellent finish.

The Year 7 team battled well after an early onslaught of attack from Poynton's forward players. Shaunagh Goostrey and Olivia Muir were solid at the back, with Caitlyn Hunter working hard to break down attacks in the midfield. The U12s too went in at half time with the scores goalless, but Tytherington were feeling more confident having been the better team towards the end of the half. After half time, the game was evenly balanced with both teams creating a number of chances. With 10 minutes to go, Tytherington were awarded a penalty to which Jess Hall confidently stepped up and finished down to the keepers' right. Towards the end of the game Poynton piled on the pressure, creating chance after chance, only to be denied by Player of the Match and goalkeeper, Eva Locoh-Donou. The Year 7s got their footballing careers at Tytherington off to winning ways with an all-round excellent performance.

The girls train on a Wednesday lunch time and the practice is well attended with over 18 pupils turning out every week. The next fixture is after half term and is away to All Hallows, more details of which will be announced after half term

Ex-student stars for England!!!

Isobel Christiansen is a former student at Tytherington and is having tremendous success in women's football following a successful school sports and academic career here at Tytherington!



Izzy is a full time professional footballer currently playing for Manchester City Women's Football Club who this season



qualified to play Champions League football, partly due to some fantastic goals from Izzy! Her natural ability and a m a z i n g capacity for hard work has been rewarded this year as she is one of 21 players

selected for the Women's Senior football squad representing England in the CFA International Football Tournament in China.

Izzy's success continues

The next home game is against Bosnia and Herzegovina on 29th November as part of their UEFA Women's Euro 2017 qualifying campaign. Izzy has spoken of her desire for England to 'dominate' in their qualifying group. The 24 year old ex-Tytherington student made her senior debut and scored in a comfortable 8-0 win over Estonia in the opening qualifier.



Izzy said 'we spoke a lot about starting this European campaign on the front foot and I think we ticked that box.' She said of scoring on her debut: it was 'an indescribable feeling to hit the back of the net on your England debut, I can't even begin to describe how amazing that felt.'

She continued by saying 'I'd like to think it will be the first of many, but I need to keep working hard at my club and keep improving.' Izzy is an inspiration to many young students at the school and was a fantastic special guest at the annual Tytherington School Sports Presentation Evening where she spoke of her experiences through her academic studies as well as the hard work she put in on the pitch. Izzy has an incredibly positive approach to everything she does and a desire to drive for success and we wish her all the very best of luck in China and in her career.

Netball update

Girls' Netball

The netball season started with a bang in early September with a flurry of fixtures for all year groups. We have 6 teams entered in the Macclesfield and District Netball League this year including 7A, 7B, 8, 9, 10 and Seniors. We have been so pleased to see girls enjoying their netball and this has been evident at both matches and practices. There was a fantastic turn out at the Year 7 trials and we have been incredibly pleased to have so many keen players to field for our 7A and 7B fixtures. The year 7s have gelled very well, despite the challenge of playing with new team mates. They have worked very hard and have made fantastic progress to date. Caitlyn Hunter has made a real impact on joining the 7A Tytherington Netball Team and has not only been named 'Player of the Game' on numerous occasions but also achieved the accolade when stepping in to help the Year 10 team out!

We have played a host of league and friendly fixtures and have had some excellent wins against some challenging sides as well as some very close games, one in particular ending 12-11! At the end of each game, the opposition team selects one of our players to be 'Player of the Game' and we would like to congratulate Joely Ferris (Seniors), Jenny Gascoigne (Seniors), Iris Smith (Year 10), Eireann Clapham (Year 10), Anna Luckman (Year 9), Libby Ferris (Year 9), Matilda Bird (Year 8), Caitlyn Hunter (Year 7A) and Shaunagh Goostrey (Year 7B) to name but a few, for being regular recipients of this title.

The PE department actively encourage all girls to turn up to netball practice and opportunities to play competitive fixtures will be made available to all who attend practice. New players are always welcome and practices run during Monday lunchtime and Wednesday after school.



Golf update

Oliver Tovee and Joshua Turnock

We have recently discovered that Tytherington School may be home to the future Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth. In light of recent achievements this dream is becoming an increasing reality for both Joshua Turnock and Oliver Tovee.

Oliver has been successful in reaching the finals of the 23rd Junior European Open. The finals will take place on the Costa del Sol, Spain, from Saturday 28th November to Saturday 5th December 2015. Four rounds will be played at the Alcadesa Links and Heathland courses, followed by a cut and final round at the superb Finca Cortesin, venue for the Volvo World Matchplay. It is a fantastic achievement to reach this stage of such an event and we wish Oliver the best of luck for the tournament and his future golfing career.



Oliver Tovee

It seems as though golfing prowess runs in the Turnock family, with Joshua hoping to follow in the footsteps of his father Matthew and become a professional golfer. Joshua has been a long-serving member of the U16 Cheshire team and his current handicap of four is extremely impressive. Most notably he has recently been successful in gaining a place in the U16 North West England team. Again another fantastic achievement and we as a school wish both boys the very best of luck in their future endeavours.



Joshua Turnock

Well done!

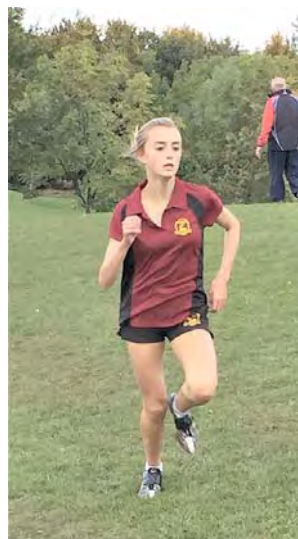
Cross Country

English Schools' Cross Country Cup

This took place at the picturesque Walton Hall Gardens on the outskirts of Warrington. Our strongest showing was in the Junior boys race which is for Year 7 & 8 runners where we came third out of seventeen schools. Finley Proffitt came an impressive 2nd place in a field that had over 80 competitors. The other members of the team were Thomas Roberts (Yr7), Will Culmer (Yr8) and Jonathan Reed (Yr7). The Junior girls team also performed well finishing seventh out of sixteen schools. Olivia Few and Ella Wharton ran brilliantly to claim 7th and 8th place respectively in a race that had over seventy runners.

Macclesfield and District Cross Country

On Tuesday 13th October 24 male and female athletes from Tytherington School in Years 7-10 took part in the Macclesfield and District Cross Country Championships which are a qualifying event to go through to Cheshire Cross Country Championships. Our students ran in 3 different age categories in the event held around the grounds at Macclesfield Athletics Track.



The minors competition saw students from Year 7 run very confidently with Thomas Roberts finishing an impressive 3rd place, despite struggling with a knee injury. Jonny Reed, Daniel Gaskell and Anna Mellings also all qualified for Cheshire in this age group.



The inters competition included runners from Years 10 and 11 in which 5 of our runners are through to Cheshire: Harry Boyd, Alex Reed and James Walton by qualification, and Hannah Gaskell and Robert Peal by special invitation. In the Junior Girls' category, Lauren Robinson ran an extremely calm and collected race, timing her final sprint to just edge out another athlete and take 3rd place.

In the Junior Boys' category, Year 8 students Finley Proffitt and William Culmer qualified for Cheshire, beating Year 9 students, and a special mention needs to go to



Finley Proffitt who ran a perfectly timed race to finish in 1st place by some margin. We are incredibly proud of all of our runners and the fantastic way in which they represented our school and we look forward to their participation in the Cheshire Cross Country Championships to be held at Knight's Grange in Winsford on Saturday 16th January.

Running and Cross Country

Robbie Peal

We have had continued success on the running and cross country front as of late. Year 11 student, Robbie Peal, has had a fantastic result in the recent "Macc 5K", held in conjunction with the Macclesfield Half Marathon on Sunday 27th September. Not only did Robbie win the junior (U17) race but finished second overall. I think we can all agree this is a fantastic achievement. Well done, Robbie!

In addition, Robbie has qualified to represent Macclesfield and District in the forthcoming Cheshire Championships. The event will be held on the 16th January at Knights Grange, Winsford. We wish Robbie the very best of luck. Keep up the good work.



Excellence in Athletics

Poppy Dutton 8BG

Poppy is a formidable athlete who regularly represents both Tytherington School and Macclesfield Harriers in indoor and outdoor competitions. She currently holds the Macclesfield Harriers Under 11's Girls Vertical Jump Record which she set in 2013 at 53cm.



Poppy competed in the first round of the Indoor Sportshall League at Crewe last weekend and won the Under 13s Standing Long Jump and Vertical Jump out of 11 different clubs. On winning the Vertical Jump, she also gained a Club Record which has been held since 1996, jumping 58 cm and beating the previous record by 6cm! This is an absolutely amazing achievement and we have no doubt that Poppy will go from strength to strength in her athletics career. Well done Poppy!

Ethos at Tytherington School

Student Parliament

This half term all students have had the opportunity to join the Student Parliament. The Student Parliament offers students a chance to have an active voice on school matters and have influence over school policy.

After the closing of the application process I am pleased to report that the following students were elected as members of the parliament for the 2015/16 academic year:

Yr 11

Fabian Clapham, Chris Williams, Louis Thomas Messenger, Diego Fryer, Robbie Peal and Jack Gaunt

Yr 10

Joe Helliwell, Luke Staniland, Kim Perry, Amber Simpson and Louis Matthews

Yr 9

Emily Griffen, Callum Brindley and Holly Brockbank

Yr 8

Toby Morton-Collings and Louis Bostock

Yr 7

Sam Dodd, Jack Allen, Lilia Fernando Almanza Torres and Isobel Drake

The Student Parliament recently had the opportunity to host their own parliamentary style debate as they put David Rutley MP through his paces.

After half term the Parliament will focus on the area of student safety and personal wellbeing as they will be looking to drive a number of initiatives forward that will benefit the whole school community



House Update

House system update

The inter house sport programme is now up and running with both Football and Netball competitions having taken place for all years. The opening results have Ash taking an early overall lead in the race to be crowned champion house. The full programme of sports house competitions is below. One of many new house events this year takes place in the final week before the Christmas holidays as students from Ash, Oak and Elm will go head to head as they perform their very own Christmas Pantomimes.

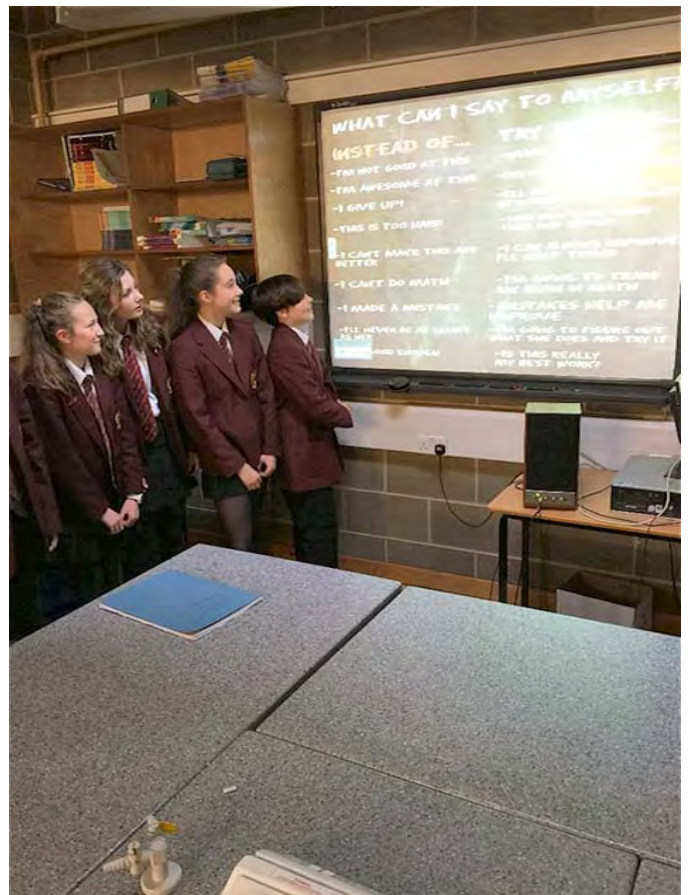
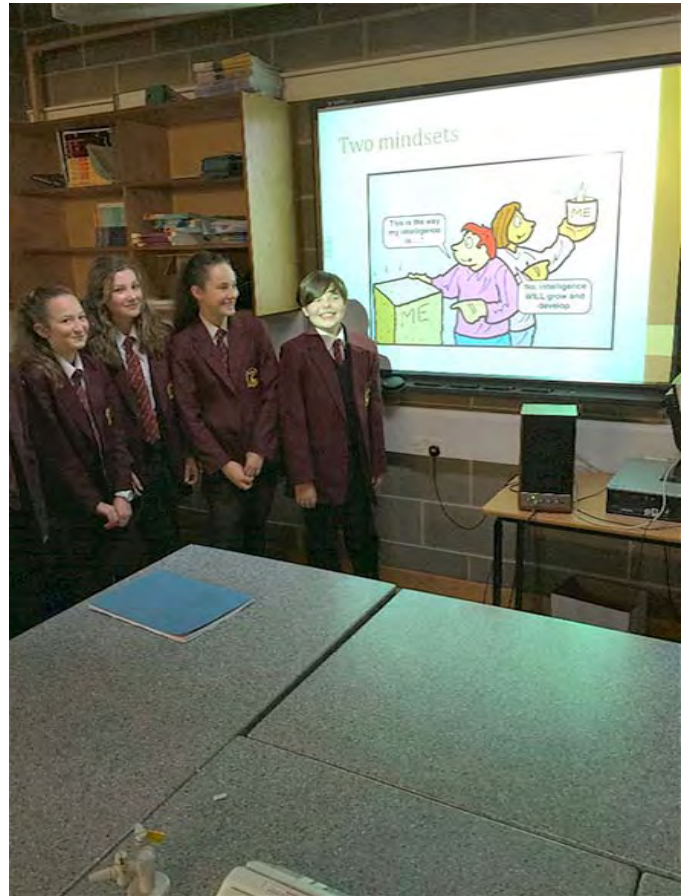
Ash House students coordinated Tytherington's contribution to Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee on Friday 18th September. Students organised a chocolate tombola, 'Guess the number of sweets in the jar' and a Sixth Form charity football match alongside a cake sale on the first non-school uniform day of the year. In the week preceding the Coffee Morning students were made aware of the work of Macmillan during form periods. I am pleased to report that students raised £1688 on the day. Ash House have a long standing affiliation to Macmillan since 2003 Ash House and have raised over £15000 for this great cause.

Interhouse Sports Competitions				
Date	Sport	Boys or Girls or both?	How many people?	Year group
1 st October	Football	Boys	7	Year 7, 8 and 9
8 th October	Football	Boys	7	Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form
15 th October	Netball	Girls	7	Year 7 and 8
22 nd October	Netball	Girls	7	Year 9 and 10
Half term				
5 th November	Badminton	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 7
12 th November	Badminton	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 9
26 th November	Badminton	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 8
3 rd December	Badminton	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 10
10 th December	Badminton	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 11
Christmas				
14 th January	Hockey	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 7
21 st January	Hockey	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 8
28 th January	Hockey	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 9
4 th February	Hockey	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 10
Half term				
25 th February	Indoor athletics	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 7
3 rd March	Indoor athletics	Both	4 boys & 4 girls	Year 8
10 th March	Basketball	Both	6 boys & 6 girls	Year 9
Easter				
21 st April	Rounders & softball	Rounders - girls Softball - boys	7 7	Year 7 and 8
5 th May	Rounders & softball	Rounders - girls Softball - boys	7 7	Year 9 and 10
12 th May	Tennis	Both	4 girls & 4 boys	Year 7
19 th May	Tennis	Both	4 girls & 4 boys	Year 8
Half term				
16 th June	Tennis	Both	4 girls & 4 boys	Year 9
23 rd June	Tennis	Both	4 girls & 4 boys	Year 10



Growth Mindset

Staff and students, through the use of fortnightly tutorials, have been looking at the ways of developing a growth mindset. The concept of a **growth mindset** was developed by psychologist Carol Dweck and popularised in her book, *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*. Dweck suggests that people have either a fixed or a growth mindset. In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed innate traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success. *In a growth mindset, students understand and believe that their talents and abilities can be developed through effort, resilience and persistence. In form time students have been looking at successful people ranging from the basketball player Michael Jordan to Albert Einstein who at various stages of their lives have overcome adversity to become successful.*



SLT Profile—Mr Pilbury

Staff Profile: Teaching Staff

Mr A Pilbury (Acting Deputy Headteacher – Raising Standards)



What qualifications do you have for your role as Acting Deputy Headteacher – Raising Standards?

Following completing my degree (BSc Sports Science & Geography) I went on to train as a teacher through the PGCE route. I knew that I wanted to do this as throughout my time at school and university I had led coaching in children's athletics and basketball, and also had a great passion for sharing my enthusiasm for Geography.

Following my PGCE I then began a career pathway that took me through a wide range of experiences working in education. Through teaching, department leadership, being an advisor and Advanced Skills Teacher for Kent County Council (leading to me working across a massive range of schools and carrying out action research on assessment), leading whole school teaching & learning development as an Assistant Headteacher, setting up a "Teaching School", being a pastoral lead and now as Acting Deputy Headteacher – Raising Standards and working on completing my NPQH.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Becoming further removed from teaching did take some adjustment, and when I am timetabled to take a class it remains an element of my work that I am incredibly passionate about, but having a position of responsibility as I do now is a great privilege. I am now able to work to facilitate and impact upon successful outcomes for all students and teachers in the school. Every day holds a range of challenges that I enjoy and I love the fact that I continue to learn from students, staff, parents and other sources each and every day.

What has been your proudest moment at Tytherington School?

Following providing students in the school with the opportunity to apply to become a candidate for the UK Youth Parliament it was awesome to go to the presentation evening at the end of our successful candidate's term in office and hear her speak about her experiences over the 18 months. She did an amazing job of representing the voice of youth in Cheshire East and developed as a person through doing so. She was very proud of herself, deservedly so!

What advice do you have for Year 11?

It took many years before I found out the best way for me to revise. Until I was most of the way through my second year at university, so my advice from my own experience would be...

Use your time now to test lots of ways of revising and find the way that suits you individually. We are all different and will have different ways of doing this so it is best to find that way that suits you sooner rather than later.

Good luck...

Tell us one random/quirky fact about yourself...

After busting my ankles playing basketball the only way they got fixed was through seeing a podiatrist who, when she saw my feet, exclaimed that they were "worse than Shrek's"! I would have been more offended if she hadn't then sorted them out for me... Thanks!

Tell us a joke...

This one comes from my eldest daughter, Freya (5) who thought it suited me...

Why is basketball such a messy sport..?

Because you dribble all over the floor.

Staff Profile: Non Teaching Staff

Mr Haselwood

Accounting and Resources Manager

What qualifications do you have for your role as Accounting / Resources Manager?

I am a Chartered Accountant and I spent many years working for Deloitte in Audit, IT and Management Accounting, working in London, Geneva, Luxembourg, Cyprus, Hong Kong and Manchester. I spent the last two years as Business Manager for Hollinhey Primary School in Sutton near Macclesfield, where I learnt very useful skills such as how to stop a Headteacher from spending money that is not in the budget! At Deloitte my customers were mainly Financial Directors; at Hollinhey my customers were 4 to 11 years old. Financial Directors are much easier to manage and they have fewer nose bleeds!

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The people I work with. I have been here two months and everyone has been very helpful and made me feel very welcome. It is much more fun and productive working in an environment where people around you are friendly and supportive and this comes across in a big way at Tytherington School.

What has been your proudest moment at Tytherington School

I have only been here two months so I suppose the best moment so far is getting the job! Another good moment was when I was explaining to Mr Botwe that I had given myself 100 days to understand the Finance and HR systems at Tytherington. 100 days is about the time you can get away with saying "I'm new here"; after that people expect you to know what you are doing. Mr Botwe then pulled out a piece of flip chart paper covered in his writing with "100 days" in the middle!

What advice do you have for Year 11?

If you are thinking about A levels, pick subjects you enjoy. You are likely to be better at subjects you enjoy than ones you don't!

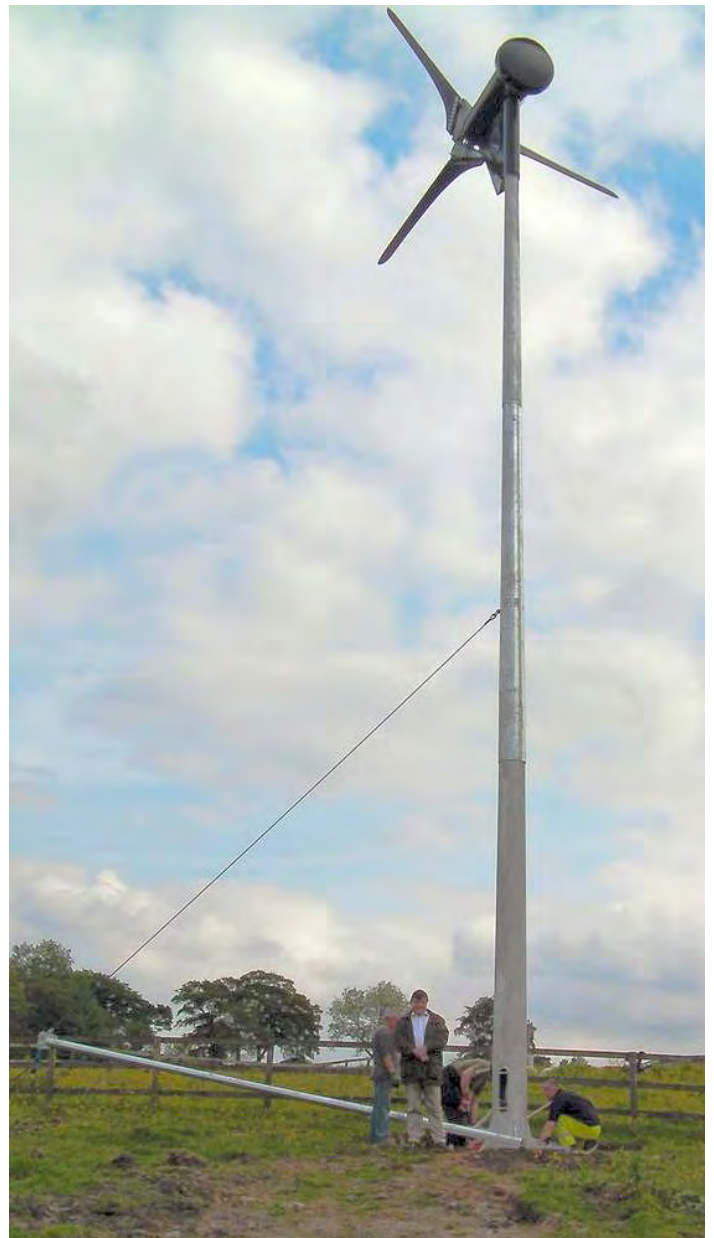
Tell us one random/quirky fact about yourself?

I am into green energy and we have a 6kw wind turbine at home that generates electricity. This generates about half the electricity we use and when we are not using it, the generated electricity feeds back into the national grid. In addition the government pays us for the electricity generated, even if we use it. So I like windy days!

Tell us a joke...

What's the difference between an accountant and a lawyer?

The accountant knows he is boring.



Gifted and Talented at Tytherington

As part of our drive for ambition and success at Tytherington, we are putting together an exciting programme of events for the coming year to encourage and develop all kinds of talents covering a range of different activities across the school.

In the last half term, we have started a debating club for all year groups, and this takes place on Mondays at lunchtime in J7 with Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Prince. Later this term, we will be entering a team for the **English Speaking Union** debating competition. At this week's session, the topic was "*This House Believes that Britain Should Remain in the EU*" and the proposers were Oliver Simkiss and James Mock, whilst Taran Spivey and Joel Wattis opposed the motion.

In addition, a new Creative Writing Club has begun for students on Thursday lunchtimes with Mrs. Presti in the LRC, which is open to any budding writers in Years 7, 8 and 9. Come along and try your hand at stories, poems or even a bit of scriptwriting!

We were also delighted to host a poetry reading in the LRC for World Poetry Day on October 1st. At this event, a number of Tytherington poets, including Lily Brown and Taran Spivey in Year 12, read their own compositions, whilst other students read poems which they particularly enjoyed by well-known poets from the literary canon.

Members of staff also joined in, and Ms Fellows recited a poem off by heart she remembered from her schooldays!

Mrs. Burke will also be in touch after half term with a number of students in Year 7, asking them to take part in a *Secret Mission* programme, in which they will be given the opportunity to take part in an extension project to undertake some exciting and stimulating independent project work, such as finding their Top Briton, or designing the perfect train seat! Students who take part will have the opportunity to build up a portfolio of independent projects, and awards will be given for the best work at the end of the year.

We are also hoping to be able to offer a range of masterclasses over the year in a range of different subjects. The first one will be a creative writing masterclass given by an ex-student, Charles Eades who is a published author, and who started to write his first book *Son of the Lamp* whilst he was in Year 8 at Tytherington!



Sixth Form Update

Romania Trip—Summer 2015

This summer a group of 6th Form students and Miss Davies travelled to Romania to visit some of the children's homes in the area. Romania is a beautiful country containing some of the most incredible scenery, from the forests and mountain we took the children up, to the view from the end of the garden at the children's home in Torockó. It is hard to imagine that within such beauty lies such poverty, where children's homes rely entirely on donations to stay open. It is also hard to imagine this poverty looking at the children, when each and every one always had a smile upon their faces.



We first had to raise the money in order to go. As a collective group, we organised a school cabaret, collecting items for the tombola, selling tickets and organising acts that ranged from musical pieces to pantomimes, providing an interesting night and raising a lot of money.

When we got to the first children's home in Szováta we collected all of the items we had taken with us, plus all of the items we bought at a local toy store and divided them into piles. There was a massive amount of stuff which filled the entire room, ranging from clothes to bubbles and other toys. The bubbles turned out to be a particular favourite amongst the children at both of the children's homes; we were left covered in bubble residue for quite some time after the trip! Playing with the children was constant exercise, just as one game ended another began, from playing football to the Frisbee game where

everyone got a little too competitive. However, it was worth it to be able to see the children so happy, especially with so little and to see how grateful they were. One day in Torockó we took the children up the mountain, well the first hill anyway, playing with giant sticks in the forest. Another day we took them all for ice cream down in the village, before going on a roundabout which went a little bit too fast for certain people. There were so many happy faces amongst the children; every time you turned a camera there was someone else there, smiling and eager to take lots of pictures of themselves. Yet, when several members of the group went to the village where most of the children in Torockó came from, the reality was incredibly devastating. There were children who had to leave their parents and families behind in order to be looked after, kids who were used to tiny houses without any proper possessions, and yet all of these children were happy. They were full of laughter and smiles. I think what I learnt from the trip more than anything was a sense of community, an idea that feeling part of something and connecting with people is the most important thing. We take material possessions for granted, that we grant material possessions a high status in our lives, when all we really need is people.



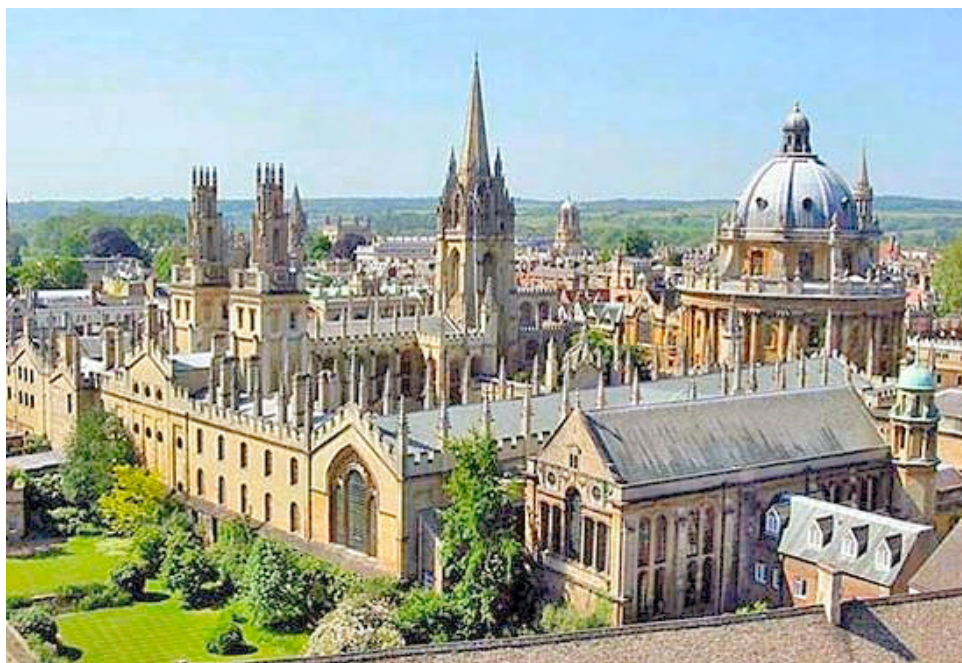
A Year 12 student talks about her introduction to Oxbridge

With the exciting and nerve-wracking process of applying to university looming for many A Level students it's fantastic when we're given the opportunity to venture into our future and see what universities have to offer and what appeals to us about them. Aemilia McDonnell, the Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, Liaison Officer, arrived to tell some of our ambitious and eager Year Eleven, Twelve and Thirteen students about the process of applying to one of the most prestigious universities in the UK and even the world. In her time at the school she aimed to dispel the rumours of Cambridge and Oxford life and to inspire the students to go for their ambitions - because there is no harm at all in trying. The Hogwarts-esque buildings captured the hearts of many students in the room, as did the collegiate system and the idea of having over seven million books at our disposal at any time in any of the central campus libraries, from Peppa Pig to the complete works of Shakespeare. The main thing most students took away from their introduction to Oxbridge was the inspiration and appeal of working with world-renowned professors who have excelled in their field of

study, the range of subjects from Natural Sciences to Classics (including studying Norse; who would have thought that would be an option?) but also having complete independence and the idea that you would be living in an area that resembled lots of little castles, rich with history, rather cold but exceptionally beautiful. As a couple of students put it: they loved the "academic rigour and intellectual environment combined with stunning buildings and being in contact with some of the leading professors in their field" (Megan Stephens - Year Twelve) and the "idea of being at the forefront of leading scientific researchand the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of evolutionary scientists such as Charles Darwin, Stephen Hawking and Ernest Rutherford" (Miles Pemberton - Year Twelve).

Overall the morning was informative, exciting and gave us all plenty to think about.

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The Friends of Tytherington

The Friends of Tytherington School (FoTS) exists in order to raise extra funds solely for the use of staff and students at school to enable them to buy services or resources which the school budget could not otherwise provide. During the past academic year FoTS spent almost £5,500 on school purchases including Stage Curtains, Health & Social Care baby dolls, art aprons, as well as contributing to the purchase of the defibrillator, years 11 and 13 school prizes, History dept booklets and the hire of the rodeo sheep to help raise a smile at the 50th anniversary fair which was held in June.

The group is made up of a fundraising committee headed by 3 officers – Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Due to the children of the present officers being in the later years at the school they have decided to step down to make room for some new post holders who can bring fresh, up to date fundraising ideas to the school. Could this be a role for you? If so come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 11th November – 7pm in the Sixth Form Block and see what we are about. Next event is the Christmas Market on the 28th November 1pm – 4pm, put it in your diary.



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