



Dear Tytherington Families,

Firstly, I would like to welcome all our new starters to the Tytherington Community. I'm sure you will have a wonderful time here. There is plenty to read in the first edition of the year of the Headteacher's Notes.

Another outstanding year for GCSE:

Tytherington School is yet again celebrating record GCSE results. Despite the enormous turbulence and reform at GCSE, we are delighted to announce that we continue to achieve outstanding results.

Provisionally, 83% of Year 11 students achieved a standard pass (grade 4+ and above) in English and Maths. This is in line with our record-breaking results last year. 79% of Year 11 students achieved 5 GCSEs including English and Maths at the standard level (C+/4+). Again this, is in line with what we achieved last year which represented an improvement of 15% on the figure in 2015.



90% of students achieved 4+ in English and 87% in Maths. A third of all grades were either A/A* or 7-9 in English. The progress and attainment of students at GCSE is yet again very strong.

Underneath the record results, there are many astonishing stories. Here are a selection which gives you an insight into what we are about at Tytherington School.

Iqra Bisiketi

Having joined us in very difficult circumstances from Malawi and only speaking the Chichewan dialect, Iqra worked incredibly hard to achieve his 8 GCSEs. Performing well above all expectations, he became a real role model to other students because of the effort he put into every aspect of his learning. Iqra is a keen "Vlogger" and his videos have been viewed over 30,000 times. It is fantastic to have seen Iqra grow over the course of his time with us into an A* person.

Susan Laffan

In addition to a full set of GCSEs, Susie studied Dutch throughout her GCSE studies. Susie achieved an A* in GCSE Dutch while she was in Year 10. In Year 11 she studied AS-Level Dutch and achieved an A grade as well as achieving 9 further top A*/A grades at GCSE.

Caitlyn Lloyd

Caitlyn Lloyd balanced GCSE study with a huge extra-curricular commitment. As a member of the Police Cadets, Caitlyn has been involved in several community projects and fundraising events. Within school, Caitlyn is a school Transition Ambassador and a Sports Leader. She has also recently completed her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and has spent four weeks of her summer holidays completing the National Citizens Service (NCS) Course. Caitlyn is now celebrating a fantastic set of results including 10 A*-C/5+ grades.

Xabier Wilson

Alongside a fantastic set of results, Xabier Wilson successfully completed Grade 7 in the Saxophone, as well as, a grade 5 in piano. In addition to being a key member of the school orchestra, Xabier also performs with The Macclesfield Music Centre. An extremely talented musician who aims to complete his Grade 8 Saxophone in November.

Mr Manny Botwe, Headteacher said: "These results are unprecedented and our attainment is amongst the very best in the North West. The progress of students remains very strong and we expect even better results next year. We believe that these results vindicate our policy of not forcing students to take the Ebacc pathway at GCSE. We believe that students should pursue an appropriate pathway of study at GCSE which they are passionate about and enables them to fulfil their potential.

There are no secrets to our success and we don't believe in gimmicks. It is down to hard work, first class pastoral care and sheer enthusiasm for learning. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our youngsters across Macclesfield on their successes and thank them for making this the best job in the world."

FANTASTIC A-LEVEL SUCCESS



Tytherington School is celebrating yet another year of outstanding A-Level results. At a time of great turbulence and reform with new specifications at A-Level, we are delighted with the achievement of our students. These results include superb performance at the highest grades, as 32% of all exam entries received A* or A grades, including 13% at A*. 57% of all exam entries were graded A*-B and 83% A*-C. The pass rate is almost 100%. The progress of our students remains outstanding and confirms the recent Ofsted judgement of our 6th Form as "excellent". A-Level results are strong across the full range of subjects. As in previous years, our students have bucked the national trend by recording excellent results in the STEM subjects (Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Mathematics). These results should yet again place us amongst the best Sixth Forms in England.

The following students achieved A*/As across the board and are now about to embark on successful university careers. Their university courses and destinations are in brackets:

- Students achieving three A* grades: Serena Lu (Medicine at UCL); Megan Stephens (Medicine at Nottingham); James Alexander (Natural Sciences at York); Rachel Helliwell (Film and Television studies at Aberystwyth); Miles Pemberton (Chemistry at Nottingham); and Tom Smith (Natural Sciences at Clare College, Cambridge)
- Students achieving two A*s and one A grade: Eleanor Smith (History and English Literature at York); Elisha Zeiss (Maths at Nottingham)
- Students achieving two A grades and one A*: Emily Laffan; Charlotte Brocklehurst (Maths at Birmingham); Jack Staniland (Maths at York)
- Students achieving three As: Rosie Irwin-Holbrey (Biology at Lancaster); Oliver James (Biomedical Sciences at Sheffield); James Mock (Civil and Environmental Engineering at Leeds)
- Triple Distinctions in PE were achieved by Megan Graves and Liberty Allan.

Behind the statistics and numbers, there are many astonishing personal stories. Many of our students combined their studies with volunteering in the community. For example, Tom Smith (A*/A*/A*, Natural

Sciences at Cambridge) and James Alexander (A*/A*/A*, Natural Sciences at York) were both awarded a special Mayor Civic Award earlier this year because of the considerable amount of personal time they contributed to several charities and organisations through unpaid voluntary work.

Throughout their A-Levels, James and Tom both volunteered once a fortnight at a local youth group for 6-11 year olds with autism. During their time at Space4Autism (<http://space4autism.com>) they ran activities, worked with adult leaders in a professional and supportive manner as well as led visits to the park. They also led arts and crafts workshops in the centre as well as volunteering for weekend residential trips. Both students gave considerable time whilst studying for their A-Levels. James continues to give up his time by volunteering for the Samaritan.



Mr Emmanuel Botwe, Headteacher said: 'I am so proud of the achievements of all our students at Sixth Form. Whilst it is great to get fantastic results year on year, what matters to us most is that the youngsters leave here as A* people with a real desire to contribute to their local community. Yet again we have achieved strong results which should place us yet again amongst the best Sixth Forms in the country for progress. We have a very proud comprehensive tradition at our Sixth Form and I'm delighted that we have students moving on to top universities, apprenticeships and the world of work. The hard work of our students, the commitment of our staff and their sheer passion for learning has resulted in another year of great set of A-level results for our outstanding 6th Form. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our young people across the Macclesfield schools on their deserved success; we wish you all the very best for the future.'

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR 7

Article by Mrs Healey, Assistant Headteacher (Lower School/SENCO)

We were really proud to welcome our new Year 7 students to school this week. There were lots of smiling faces as the students met up again with friends they had made during their transition visits and had their first assembly with Miss Henshall (Head of Year 7). The students spent their first day with their new form tutor and tutor group familiarising themselves with their new timetables, finding their way around school, taking part in team-building activities and sampling the school food at lunchtime. Miss Henshall said, "I was really proud of how all the Year 7s approached their first day at Tytherington. They were really confident and it feels like they have always been here!".

William Ravenscroft (7RC) summed things up when he said "Tytherington feels like home already."

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet the form tutors and find out more about what their children will be learning on Monday 31st October between 6 to 7pm. I look forward to meeting you then.



OUR HOUSE - SUMMER SCHOOL PRODUCTION BY MS FELLOWS



Way back in February we were delighted and overwhelmed that nearly 100 students came to audition for the summer School production – *Our House*, based on the songs of Madness. We were so impressed with the numbers and the talent that we decided to have two casts, Good Joe and Bad Joe, to tell the story of Joe Casey and to use as many people as possible in the supporting roles and chorus. This resulted in our biggest performance yet. This was a much more technical show as we had to show the worlds of the two Joes. The cast included students from Year 7 through to Year 13 and it always delights us to see the friendships forged throughout the rehearsal process and production week, some of them lasting for

years. There were some familiar faces from *Back to the 80s* and *Bugsy Malone*, plus lots of new talented students in their first production.

This is what some of our students said about their experience:

“The play was a great experience that allows people to gain skills in school that we might not normally gain. I would definitely recommend to the Year 7s as something to do. Anyone joining Tytherington who is interested in Drama should join the play or the house Panto because it is a great opportunity that gives your skills in a whole range of areas.”- Tom Collins

The play this year was a great experience, we used more ambitious ideas, like the turning panels and the “bad” and “good” cast.—Aidan Simpson

“Being in the school play helped to build my confidence. I met my two best friends through doing the production. It is a great experience and allows you to show skills and go out of your comfort zone.” - Emily Hague

“Our House was a great experience because the cast was so fun to be with and there was an endless amount of laughs every single day. I would definitely recommend taking part in it next year to anyone, even if you’re not confident. I had such a good time.” - Caitlin Hunter

We said good bye to some students who have been involved in every production since they joined the school Rachel Helliwell, Amy Leech, Rosie Ogden, Laura Nancollis, Jack Staniland, Luke Staniland, Alex Holt, Adam Collins and Connell Costello they will be missed.

I think what will stay with me are the reactions of the students after the last night’s performance when they realised it was all over. I can’t wait to do it all again.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ROSE AWARD WINNERS OF 2016-17

The ROSE (Respect of Others, Self and Environment) Awards are given to members of the Tytherington School community who make a special contribution to the life of the school. Below are the latest winners who received their awards at the Whole School Assembly on the final day of last term. Congratulations to all.

BRONZE AWARDS

Rebecca Blakely Garcia (Year 9)

A student who joined Tytherington in September having moved from Spain. She quickly settled in and became a positive member of our community. She is now moving back and she will be missed by many students.

Mel Stockdale (Staff), Julie Wiseman (Staff), Helen Ward (Staff), Caroline Smith (Staff)

This group of staff have continually supported students with additional needs and have helped them to achieve and progress. They never fail to look out for every student at Tytherington, no matter what their needs are.

SILVER AWARDS

Tallulah Howarth (Year 10)

This student has been an active member of the student parliament particularly over the past year; working on the autism awareness assemblies earlier this year and continuing to run the feminist society.

Claire Woods (Staff)

A member of the Tytherington community who spent the last three years supporting all students. They have been an invaluable member of the staff body organising summer and Christmas fairs.

Gregor Watson (Year 8)

A student who consistently organises and participates in charity events in school and has raised a significant amount for fantastic causes and those in need.

Jackie Timms (Staff) and Tracey Simpson (Staff)

Two members of staff who always look out for others and are willing to put the needs of others first. They give up their own time before and after school hours to consistently do an amazing job.

Pam Carr (Staff)

For 27 years of working in the exams office putting in lots of hard work behind the scenes of Tytherington.

GOLD AWARDS

Honor Rowlands (Year 8)

This year eight student has raised an extraordinary amount of money for Once Upon A Smile charity and inspired others to give back to the community. Her great commitment was recognised by the Head teacher Mr Botwe.

Andy Pilbury (Staff)

This member of staff goes above and beyond every day and cares a huge amount about every single Tytherington student. In the words of his nominator, "he is also a lovely guy and [they] could not imagine Tytherington without him."

Rosie Ogden (Year 13)

This student's commitment to the Performing Arts department has been outstanding over her years at Tytherington school. She has helped to run the Junior Choir, Steel Drum Band, and choreographed all of the summer show in 2017 alone – as well as completing her A Levels! Without her, the music and drama department will have very big shoes to fill.

SIXTH FORM WORK EXPERIENCE

In the penultimate week of the summer term, Year 12 students were out of school on Work Experience across a vast range of settings. Some were involved in work related to the careers they hope to pursue in the future whilst others grasped the opportunity to get experience of something totally different that would take them out of their comfort zone. Our students worked in settings as wide-ranging as Animal Hydrotherapy Centres, Hospitals, Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Interior Design companies, AstraZeneca, to name but a few.



A number of students were also involved in paid internships. These are highly competitive so the students did very well to get on them. Tom Brier and Jake Wood were successful in getting an internship with East Cheshire NHS Trust. The internships are four weeks long and are based in Learning and Development. Students are involved in a variety of tasks including event planning, developing marketing communications, supporting members of staff with e-learning requirements and taking part in clinical and non-clinical training sessions to develop skills of staff across the trust.

Jake said: 'We found the experience very interesting and eye-opening in terms of the number of career opportunities that are available in the NHS (not just doctors and nurses) and the complexity of the organisation. Furthermore, it has given me the opportunity to spend time with the Finance Department, an area which I am interested in going into in the future, hence this was very useful for me.'

The feedback received about our students has been excellent –well done, Year 12!



SPORTS DAY BY MR FITZSIMMONS

This summer saw yet another hugely successful sports day involving the whole school at Tytherington School. Due to adverse weather conditions, we were unable to hold the annual Athletics Championships at Macclesfield Track so we held the event on the school grounds. It was a triumph and students and staff had a thoroughly enjoyable day. The morning saw students from years 7-10 take part in field events including shot put, discus, javelin, long jump and triple jump which saw some fantastic efforts from both male and female students. During the afternoon, the entire school came out to either compete in or watch the track events take place. Competitors ran extremely well and it was great to see such a diverse range of students participating and enjoying themselves in sprint events such as the 100m, 200m, 300m and 400m as well as middle distance events such as 800m and 1500m, all gaining points for their Houses as well as gunning for individual glory. The day culminated in the hotly anticipated relay races which were thoroughly enjoyed and loudly cheered on by the excited spectators!



RACHEL COX GAINS A PLACE ON THE JUNIOR STEM PROGRAMME

The Junior Academy strives to achieve the goal of a sustainable and bountiful future for all by working in the following areas;

- Nutrition, agriculture and food systems
- Public health and well-being
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Sustainability and climate change
- Energy
- Biodiversity
- Space
- Education
- Equality
- Emerging technologies
- Economic development and entrepreneurship
- Security and resilience



Twice a year (in September and January), Junior Academy members are invited to participate in a set of innovation challenges. Each challenge is preceded by a bootcamp designed to arm students with skills needed to effectively develop research-driven solutions to global problems with peers around the world. Members are required to participate in at least one challenge during their first year in the community. Bootcamp participation is recommended, but optional.

Teams gain access to STEM professionals with expertise in relevant subject areas, and may choose to work with a dedicated mentor throughout the challenge process. During the challenge, students work to develop solutions to real-world problems that can have an immediate impact. Gaining a place is extremely competitive so well done to Rachel in Year 11.



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ELECTIVES UPDATE



Currently, students are being briefed about our exciting new electives programme during assemblies. A copy of the Electives brochure is available to view on the school website. It is expected that all year 7 pupils take part in the electives programme. It will be optional for other year groups.

Students will be asked to make 2 choices and 3 reserve choices. These preferences will be used to allocate elective activities for term 1 and term 2. The selection process will be repeated for the summer term, before the Easter break.

The choices form will be sent to parents electronically week beginning 11th September. Once activities have been collated, students and parents will receive confirmation of allocated activities and any costs due, if paid activities have been selected. Payments can be made via ParentPay.

Once the selection process starts, copies of the choices form, letters and associated documentation will be available on the school website.

To allow all of the above to be finalised, we aim to start the electives programme by the end of September.

To view the Electives Brochure please follow this link: <http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/ElectivesProgramme/ElectivesBrochure.pdf>

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Electives

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