

Welcome to the Spring Term edition of our newsletter, which features many facets of the enriched school life our pupils receive. Please also try to follow us on social media as this keeps you in touch with almost daily news from school.

Year 11 are now in their final term of their Greenbank journey and are working extremely hard with staff to gain the best possible outcomes. It has been incredible to see the large number of pupils attending our Easter school over the last two weeks and I would like to thank the staff on their behalf for going the 'extra mile' in supporting them. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them well for their exams and hope their hard work leads to the success they deserve.

We are delighted to be welcoming 210 new Year 7 pupils to Greenbank for September 2019. Once again we are oversubscribed which indicates the desire to access high quality single sex education and is testimony to all that is achieved within our school community.

This term has seen parents' evenings for Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 and as ever, it has been a pleasure to meet with you and hear how your daughters have been making progress both academically and personally. The feedback from parent questionnaires has been exceptional but as always, we will seek to improve on any areas identified within them.

The last week of term saw Mrs Simmins, our Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCO), retire after an incredible 39 years of outstanding service at Greenbank. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Howe as our new SENDCO who is vastly experienced in this field and is really looking forward to working with both pupils and parents. Mrs Williams, Geography teacher, also departed in the last week, despite leading the Italy visit, to take up an exciting position as the Education Officer for a recycling plant and we hope to work with her again in the future. We are grateful for our current Humanities team who are teaching her classes until the end of the academic year to avoid disruption.

There have been many educational visits this term and I would like to thank the staff for giving their time voluntarily to enable the pupils to visit many memorable and exciting places with their friends. The memories from these visits stay with the pupils for the rest of their lives.

As you will see from our recent Parentmail, Hillside Golf Club is hosting the British Masters Golf Tournament from 8th – 12th May. We have worked closely with the organisers and Sefton Council to ensure there is little disruption to transport to and from school whilst appreciating this is an exciting event for the town. There will be no impact on school during the day. We have managed to agree complimentary tickets are available for pupils and an accompanying adult with the details outlined in Parentmail.

I look forward to an exciting Summer Term.

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Headteacher's Breakfast



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PE Ski Visit to Austria



The school ski trip to Austria is a fantastic opportunity for the girls to learn a new skill. We took a group of almost 60 girls, with 50 of them beginners.

After a long coach journey, the girls were still in good spirits. With the sun shining most thought there would be no snow. That wasn't the case and the resort was in perfect condition. After some slips, trips and falls the girls starting mastering getting down slopes fast, mainly under control and really enjoying the outdoors.

One of the most enjoyable parts of a ski trip is seeing how children mix across age groups and ski abilities. From picking each other up on the slopes to working as part of a team. Even when tiredness sets in the girls maintained a really positive spirit.

After a hard days skiing the girls then took part in a packed schedule of evening activities including in house challenges, an outdoor spa and observing an ice hockey game. All girls were an absolute credit to the school and even when they got progressively fatigued maintained their personality, which resulted in a fun school visit.

Many thanks also go to the teachers who joined us on the trip giving up a week of their holidays.

Humanities Visit to Italy



On 2nd April 42 pupils embarked on the Humanities visit to Italy. During the visit the pupils visited an ice cream and sorbet making factory, climbed the active volcano, Mt Vesuvius, sailed to the island of Capri and visited the historical excavations of Herculaneum and Pompeii. The pupils were exceptional ambassadors when on the visit during this very busy schedule and we would like to thank all the staff who accompanied the trip.

Rotary Technology Tournament



This year's Rotary Technology Tournament saw three teams of dedicated pupils compete against other local schools in both the basic and intermediate levels of the Rotary Technology Tournament. Yet again, another difficult challenge was set where the teams had to design and make a remotely operated vehicle from basic raw materials to travel along a path, go under a bridge and also incorporate a crane that could pick up a load, reverse back and then drop the load in a specified spot. The teams were awarded points for the quality of the design portfolio, teamwork as well as the quality of the build of their model and how successfully it completed the task.

The girls had to draw on all of their previous experience from the extra-curricular Design Technology club, where they have studied a range of engineering principles and concepts and take their problem solving skills and teamwork to a new level.

The pupils involved were Elizabete Kozinda, Lucy Gibbon, Sophie Keen, Jasmine Lindsay, Freya Draper, Caitlin Halden, Emilie Edward, Lucy Wright, Bethany Richman. Issy Cutts. Eloise Mortimer and Taya Neilson.

Once again, the girls were an absolute credit to the school and produced the winning designs for both levels. This was a hat trick for the school, as we have now won a trophy in this competition for the past three years. However, it was also the first time in the history of the competition where we have had a team competing at the Intermediate level. Not only did the girls win, but they also achieved the highest score ever recorded in the competition!

The girls are already eager to take part in next year's competition and now feel ready to compete at the Advanced level against the older 6th Form students, which will be another first for the school. Based on the drive, determination and teamwork demonstrated this year, I have every faith that the girls will bring home the trophies once again!

Well done to all of the girls involved! However, a special mention for Taya, Issy and Bethany who have now taken part in the competition for three years running, and have brought home the first prize award each time!

Rotary Public Speaking Competition Success



Congratulations to our Intermediate and Senior Public Speaking Teams who travelled to Glyndwr University in Wrexham on Thursday 7th March 2019 to take part in the District Finals. The feedback the girls received was exceptional and very promising for next year. The girls were not disheartened about not winning and were quickly discussing topics for next year! We are so proud of the girls and they were an asset to the school. The judges had to take a vote in the end as they couldn't agree on one team to win. Well done on all your hard work and dedication over the last few months in preparation for the competition. We cannot wait to see what next year brings and what topic comes next!

Magistrates Mock Court Trial Competition



On Saturday 30th March, we took our team of 13 girls to take part in the Young Citizens Mock Trial Competition in the North West heat at Wirral Magistrates' Court.

The team consisted of Freya Draper and Caitlin Halden as prosecution lawyers and Isabel Bates and Isobel Tinsley as defence lawyers. Daisy Cartwright, Sabeeha Iqbal, Nikita Datlies and Hattie Redpath took on the roles of witnesses and Melissa McCarthy was our legal advisor and usher. Erin Olverson- Birks has entered the court reporter national competition too and we are excited to see how she gets on!

During the day, eight schools battled it out in courtrooms and were judged by legal professionals. Greenbank High School did an amazing job and were delighted with their 2nd place overall. The girls worked so hard leading up to the trial day in their practice and preparation so deserved to do as well as they did.

Rotary Young Chef Regional Final



Congratulations to Kira Standish who impressed the judges at the District Final of the Rotary Young Chef Competition at Deeside College on 1st March with her menu of crab cakes with a chilli jam salad, Kerelan fish curry and sticky toffee pudding and sauce.

House Update



This term has been a busy for some of the houses and changes have been afoot. It is with regret that we say farewell to Mrs Clarke who has stepped down as House Leader for Seacole. However, we welcome Ms Gouldbourne who is taking over with immediate effect and very enthusiastically too. She has held her first assembly and already begun planning what exciting things the girls in the house are going to be doing over the coming months.

House assemblies took place recently and certificates and prizes were presented to the champions in each year group, in each house. Hepburn had overall champions in four of the 5-year groups and this is helping them stay close on Pankhurst's heels as they still cling on to first place in the house rankings. At the recent count they have 25,020 points, with a lead of only 418 above Hepburn. Behind in order are Curie, Seacole, Bronte and Keller.

Keller did earn some much-needed points in the Year 7 Inter House Sports on enrichment day recently. They took first place followed by Bronte, Curie, Pankhurst, Seacole and then Hepburn. The girls had their first taste of house sports, busily competing in badminton, netball, hockey, table tennis, dance, bench ball and football.

The house charities are benefiting from the yield of a very active term from several houses. Bronte held an extremely successful sweet tombola and provided a wonderful Mother's Day hamper which was raffled off in time to be enjoyed on the day. So far they have raised £321.19 for the Alzheimer's Society.

Curie have an on-going 50-50 club for staff, with half the money going in prizes and half to their charity; Queenscourt Hospice. Alongside this they have also raffled a girls night in pamper hamper bringing their current sum to £276.75.

Hepburn, along with the staple support of an emergency staff tuck shop, have added to their coffers with another Easter cake sale. Though not as many pupils as usual brought cakes in, it was still a busy sale and raised £101.30, taking their total for UNICEF this year to £452.46.



Pankhurst provided pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and their takings when added up, take their total to £315.09. Any money they raise will be price matched by the Bill Gates Foundation to go to Purple for Polio.

Keller have a popcorn sale planned for after Easter and are also refurbishing the chicken coup ready to inhabit it with some new chickens for the girls to take care of. I am sure fresh egg sales may be something the staff will happily buy, especially when the funds would go to the good cause of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

As for Seacole, watch this space! Ms Gouldbourne is plotting a total overhaul and raising awareness of Mary Seacole's endeavours on the nursing front, including the appointment of Liverpool Women's Hospital as their house charity.

When we return after Easter, there is only one term to go before the winning house adorns the champion's trophy with its own coloured ribbons. Plans are already being made for the winners reward afternoon.

Enrichment Days



We have had two enrichment days this term. Year 7 have enjoyed a day visiting three local churches to supplement their RE studies and have also had a competitive day of Interhouse sport. Year 8 have had a chance to sample possible GCSE option courses before making their final decision in a few weeks and also had a day of sport. The year

9's have learned valuable first aid skills as well as following an extremely useful day of finance education, looking at such issues as debt, credit and loans. Year 10 covered a day on law and order which included a talk from the police on knife crime, a hugely topical issue at the moment. With Brexit looming they also enjoyed a Politics day with a visit from local MP Damien Moore and a chance to question him on many issues facing young people. Year 11 have had a chance to research revision skills as well as learning relaxation techniques through yoga sessions delivered by Mrs Hill.

World Book Day 2019



WBD 2019 was a big success as always with many staff and students getting involved and dressing as their favourite characters. This year, we trialled a new idea for World Book Day which aimed to promote reading across the curriculum and is something we felt the students would be thoroughly engaged with by seeing all staff getting involved in reading and storytelling!

The idea involved all groups from Years 7 to 9. A section of a selected story was read out each lesson and the pupils were left eager to know what came next, with a bit of a cliff-hanger each time! The feedback from staff and students was wonderful and we felt it was a real success and hope to run this again next year!

UKMT Team Challenge

Well done to Martha Steel, Vivenne Al Saleh, Erin Day and Georgia Lowery, who recently represented the school at the regional final of the UKMT Team Challenge at St Edwards College in Liverpool. The pupils had the opportunity to tackle a variety of engaging mathematical activities while developing teamwork and communication skills.

UKMT Intermediate Challenge



Congratulations to the following pupils in Years 9 and 10 who received certificates in the UKMT Intermediate Challenge which took place in February. The highest performers in the Challenge (top 40%) are awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates.

Silver Awards: Vivenne Al Saleh, Martha Steel, Poppy Edwards, Humayra Haque, Amelia Harvey and Taya Neilson

Bronze Awards: Josephine Done, Charlotte Coward, Samara Wright, Freya Draper, Patricia Simion, Tharanika Sivakkumar, Margo Holostova, Bethany Richman, Kira Standish, Emily Misson, Abigail Cox, Laylaa Shah and Hope McCaffrey.

Liverpool Maths Challenge



MEM has been running Challenge and Senior Challenge take-home competitions in February half term since the late 1970's. Together the competitions attract about 2,000 entries annually, with Challenge aimed at Years 7 and 8, and Senior Challenge aimed at Years 9 and 10. Both competitions consist of about eight questions and this year they were centred around the theme of The Periodic Table.

Congratulations to Bethany Richman in Year 10, who received a Certificate of Merit in the Senior Challenge and Lily Ashleigh-Reynolds in Year 8, who received a Certificate of Merit in the Challenge competition. Both pupils have been invited, along with family or friends, to prize-giving evenings at the University of Liverpool in May.

Times Tables Rock Stars Club



Times Tables Rock Stars Club takes place for Year 7 pupils every Tuesday lunchtime. Currently there are twenty girls who regularly attend to practise their times tables and try to improve their recall speed. This week we held an Easter Competition. There were three categories; 'Most improved', 'Most coins' and 'Most in a minute'. The winners were Lily Bolland, Ellie Bevan and Millie Ball respectively. They all received Easter Eggs with the runners up also receiving prizes. Congratulations to all involved.

Careers Education



We have had a very busy term by way of Careers, with Years 8 to 11 busy finding out about and making plans for the future. Year 8, 10 and 11 pupils have attended events in and out of school run by Oxford and Cambridge University. Some of Year 9 and 10 have also attended events at colleges looking at Pop Music, Medicine, Oxbridge, Science and many more...

Year 8 have spent much of their PSHE time this term researching careers and delivering presentations to the class on their chosen career, ranging from Forensic Psychologists to Royal Navy Engineers as usual these have been incredible with pupils gaining an excellent understanding of what is expected of them over the next few years. Year 8 have also been offered individual careers interviews as part of the GCSE option process and over 160 pupils have been seen by Ms Edwards the schools Independent Careers Adviser.

Next term is looking a busy one with Year 10 taster days out to Southport College, KGV, Runshaw College, Cardinal Newman College and Winstanley College.

Drama



The Year 11 GCSE Drama class had their practical exams on Friday, worth 20% of their course. This was obviously a stressful day for the girls, but they performed magnificently and should be really proud of themselves. They had a very supportive audience of Year 9 and 10 Drama students who behaved impeccably all day and were incredibly encouraging towards the performers. We will not find out any marks until GCSE results day, but the examiner was clearly impressed with what she saw and remarked on how lovely it was to see girls from all three years supporting each other so brilliantly.

A group of 45 pupils and staff had the pleasure of watching the Southport Dramatic Club Youth production of Frankenstein at the Southport Little Theatre last week. The production starred five of our own pupils and was thoroughly outstanding. The cast had evidently worked incredibly hard to bring this challenging production to life and the play was fully appreciated by our pupils who felt inspired and moved by the production. Well done to our talented pupils in the cast and to our pupils in the audience who behaved impeccably throughout the evening and represented the school superbly. The five star actors were Megan Wagstaff, Erica Lane, Ella Myerscough, Alice Smith and Megan Hosker who are picture above.

Languages Club

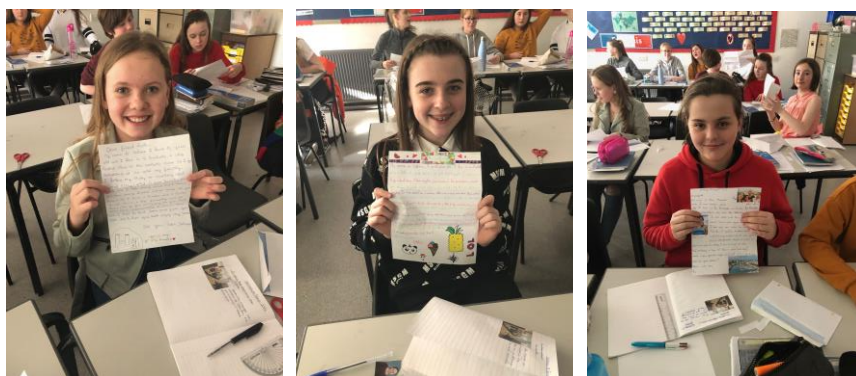


The Greenbank languages club has been very busy since the start of term. Every week we run the 'Cafeteria Greenbank/ Greenbank Salon du Thé', and all pupils are now very adept at ordering themselves a tea or a hot chocolate in French or Spanish. We have celebrated Mexican 'Día de los Muertos'; making masks and eating a traditional sweet bread called 'pan de muerto'.

More recently, we did some research and produced beautiful factsheets about a Spanish festival in the Basque country called 'La Tamborrada'. Pupils have also enjoyed watching a French film called 'One vie de chat', entirely in French with English subtitles.

We look forward to another term broadening our horizons and having fun after the Easter break. Felices Pascuas/joyeuses Pâques.

Pen pal letters



Letters have been sent to our link school College Samual de Missy in La Rochelle, France and received by our pupils. This gives pupils a chance to write in French for a real life purpose. All sorts of topics have been included in letters and many have focused on this term's Module – House and Home descriptions.

French Breakfast



Year 8 pupils took part in a French breakfast tasting session in the Language Centre. Pupils had to ask for their breakfast items in French. Croissant, brioche and baguette were all on offer with a 'jus d'orange' to drink. We brought an aspect of French life to the classroom, sparking interest and enthusiasm.

Spanish Food tasting



A Spanish food tasting session took place in the Language Centre following on from the topic of Food. Pupils sampled jamón serrano, tortilla, olives and chorizo. They practised their dialogues and then asked for their tapas in Spanish. Delicioso!

Year 7 Global Leaders

As part of our commitment to internationalism and global awareness, a group of Y7 Global leaders have been selected. Pupils are looking to spread the word about global issues and improve pupils' understanding. We are hoping to bring parts of 'The World's Largest Lesson' to Greenbank. Watch this space!

Al Mercado



Pupils practised their Spanish speaking skills in the Language Centre when they went on a visit to the market. Their enthusiasm and enjoyment of Spanish is clear to see!

Fiestaval



This year's Fiestaval took place on Wednesday April 3rd. Once again it was a resounding success with 10 schools and over 120 pupils taking part. The Language Leaders were outstanding on the night and assisted our younger linguists, ensuring the evening ran smoothly. Many thanks to all our Language Leaders and of course Mrs Hill for organising it all.

More Able, Gifted and Talented

50 Year 7 & 8 pupils have been attending the More Able Gifted and Talented club on a Wednesday after school. They are currently working on raising as much money as they can for the Newborn Appeal. The target is for each group to raise at least £100. The group that has raised the most money will be revealed on Wednesday 24th April. The groups have been working very hard to raise as much money as they can, some have done bake sales at their local church, movie nights, raffled home-made hampers, contacted local shops to give donations, sponsored silences etc. The next topic is Debating and will start on Wednesday 24th April.

If you feel your daughter has a particular talent and would like to self-nominate as a parent or if you would like any more information regarding More Able, Gifted and Talented at Greenbank, then please contact Mrs C Crowther at rulec.te@greenbankhigh.co.uk.

Sefton Super Reads



Our Friday after school book club enjoyed a lovely afternoon at the Sefton Super Reads Ceremony. We were lucky to meet two of our nominated authors and had the chance to ask them many questions. Congratulations to the winner Ele Fountain with 'Boy 87'.

Indoor Athletics



Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 Indoor athletics teams who were Southport and Formby champions. They went on to compete in the Merseyside championships with Year 7 coming third and Year 8 were runners up in the county.

Netball



Well done to our Year 9 netball team who were 3rd in the county championships on 2nd March. They had some very close games with a draw against the eventual winners.

Congratulation to our Year 7B Team who were runners up and the 7A team who were 3rd in the Southport and Formby Netball Tournament on 5th March.

Hockey



Well done to the Year 8 Hockey Team who competed in the North West tournament in Lymm on 11th March. The girls finished fifth in this wider region after a fantastic season.

Congratulations to both U13 hockey teams who competed in the Merseyside Hockey Championships. The A Team were crowned champions winning the final on penalties.

Football



Congratulations to our Year 9/10 football teams who competed in the Southport and Formby schools girls' tournament on 19th March. The A Team were the winners and the B Team were runners-up.

Well done to our Year 10/11 team who reached the quarterfinal of the national English Schools Football tournament and have won a complete football kit for Greenbank.

Badminton



Congratulations to the KS4 badminton team who became Merseyside Champions on 22nd March. They were undefeated all day! The KS3 team also did well, narrowly missing out on going through from their group. They lost 2-3 to the eventual runners-up.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Amy Dale who has become Captain of Lancashire at rugby.

Congratulations to Katy Adkins whose work was highly commended in the Rotary Young Photographer Competition and will be displayed in Wayfarers Arcade

Important Dates

23 rd April	Term starts at 8.35am
26 th April	Non-Uniform Day for Greenbank Interact Local and International Charities
2 nd May	Year 8 HPV Injections
10 th – 13 th May	PGL Shropshire Visit
16 th May	Year 10 Parents Evening
17 th – 18 th May	D of E Bronze Practice Expedition 1
19 th – 20 th May	D of E Bronze Practice Expedition 2
24 th May	INSET Day (Pupils not in school)
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term
3 rd June	Term Starts at 8.35am
4 th June	CERN Parents Meeting – 6.00pm
5 th June	New Year 7 Intake Languages Transition Lessons
6 th June	Year 7 & 8 MAGT Maths visit to Haydock
7 th – 8 th June	D of E Bronze Final Expedition 1
9 th – 10 th June	D of E Bronze Final Expedition 2
13 th – 15 th June	Year 7 French Boulogne Visit 1
19 th June	New Year 7 Intake Languages Transition Lessons
20 th June	Year 11 Prom at Formby Hall
21 st June	Enrichment Day 5
21 st – 23 rd June	D of E Silver Practice Expedition 1
24 th June	Berlin Science Visit Parents Meeting - 6.00pm in Greenbank Hall
24 th – 26 th June	Year 7 French Boulogne Visit 2
26 th June	Wimbledon Visit Parents Meeting – 6.00pm in Greenbank Hall
26 th – 28 th June	CERN Physics Visit
27 th June	New Year 7 Intake Day
28 th June	Non- Uniform Day for PTA Charity
2 nd July	Sports Day
3 rd July	Dance Show – 7.00pm in Greenbank Hall
3 rd – 4 th July	Wimbledon Visit
4 th -7 th July	Berlin Science Visit
8 th July	New Intake Evening – 6.30pm in Greenbank Hall
11 th July	Summer Music Concert – 7.00pm in Greenbank Hall
12 th – 14 th July	D of E Silver Practice Expedition 2
16 th July	Year 7 Greenbank and Birkdale Disco – 7.00 – 9.00pm in Greenbank Hall

15th – 19th July

Year 10 Work Experience

19th July

Term ends for all at 12.25pm