



ST HILDA'S NEWS

St Hilda's teacher receives a Lifetime Achievement Award!



Members of the MFL Department attended an award ceremony at the German Embassy in London, following Mrs Boyland's nomination for German teacher of the Year. Mrs James and Mrs Tamo represented Mrs Boyland and Mrs Code at this prestigious event. This is the 15th German Teacher Award by the German Embassy. Mrs

Boyland won the award for her lifelong contribution to German teaching. We are very lucky to have Mrs Boyland at St Hilda's and we know the impact she has had on both staff and students over the years. Well done!

Inspirational Teacher of the Year 2018



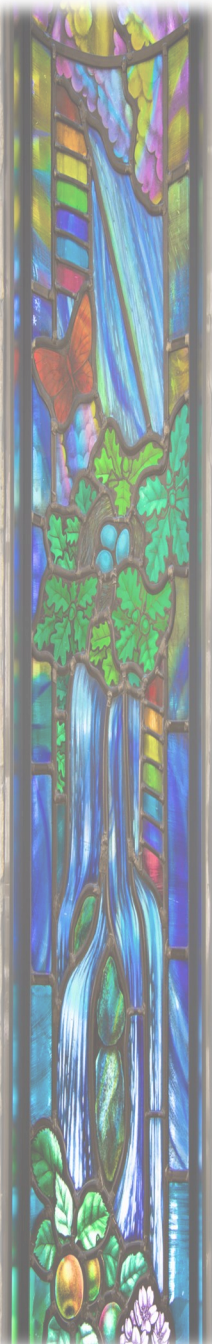
CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs McCann on winning the Liverpool Echo's Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award 2018.

"Mrs McCann is much more than just a teacher.

Fiona inspires, encourages and empowers those around her whether they are her pupils in St Hilda's or her adult choir members. It is truly magical to watch her in action as her pupils gain confidence and self-belief. The concerts she produces are a testament to her dedication to the school and her students."

(parent of a year 13 student)

Congratulations to Mrs Gilbert who was nominated for the mentor of the year award for her mentoring of our trainee teachers. She didn't win, but it is a great achievement to be shortlisted.





We are thrilled that Miss Ruth Edwards, Head of Biology, has been selected to take part in a STEM INSIGHT placement within the Institute of Integrative Biology & School of Life Science Biology department at Liverpool University.

STEM Insight gives teachers an opportunity to experience invaluable placements in a leading UK STEM organisation or university. It allows teachers to take away a wealth of knowledge for their students to transform their understanding of STEM careers and enrich the teaching of STEM subjects.

Ruth is really excited to have this opportunity to increase her own understanding by attending



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lectures, seminars and laboratory sessions in biosciences and biochemistry. She is looking forward to meeting with students, researchers and lecturers working in the Institute of Integrative Biology & School of Life Science at Liverpool so she can gain an insight into the breadth of curriculum content available to students entering this field.

Ruth also wants to build strong links with Liverpool University so she can develop staff and student experiences, with the aim of creating a longer term partnership. She is hoping it will boost our students' confidence in making degree and career choices, helping them find out more about the skills and competencies required for a science-based career and gain ideas for future collaboration (e.g. work experience, mentoring, speakers).



STIMULATING
PHYSICS
NETWORK

Congratulations go to Mrs Kate Finch who has been awarded the status of a School based Physics Coach after a successful application to the Institute of Physics.



We are delighted for her and the Physics department who are now recognized as a 'Lead School' in the Stimulating Physics Network in Merseyside.

Exciting times are ahead as Kate will work closely with teachers within school and partner schools as part of the network. She is committed to ensuring that the teaching of Physics within the local community is developed and enhanced to benefit all of our students in this ever-changing world of STEM.

Kate is looking forward to running workshops to share ideas for engaging teaching activities and working with both specialist and non-specialist teachers of Physics to develop their practise.

For further information and contact details, please see the flyer below



STIMULATING **PHYSICS** NETWORK



Would your Science department benefit from **free** training on difficult to teach Physics topics?

Do you have non-specialist teachers teaching Physics?

Do you want different ideas to engage students?

A School – based Physics coach (SPC) can help

Free Physics CPD delivered by a practising Physics teacher and tailored to your school's needs. You choose the topic, duration and time of the sessions and we will provide you with ideas and engaging activities that can easily be used in the classroom and not break the budget!

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A message from Mrs Code...



I cannot believe that we are only a few weeks away from the end of term. What a fantastic year it has been! After so many changes last year, we wanted very much to let our new systems settle in and become integral parts of our school. Our house system is fundamental to who we are. We have seen over 230,000 reward points awarded to our fantastic students!

A ratio of 20:1 in comparison with consequence points. Our values of Wisdom, Hope, Community, Dignity and Equality are evident in all that we do.

Student leadership is growing and we are just about to appoint our House Captains to help the Heads of House lead their houses. School Parliament has been reinvigorated so that all year groups and houses are represented. Our first group of HOBY leaders are in place and moving the school forward. Watch this space, these will be the people moving our society forward in the next few years with their social enterprise and conscience.



We are blessed with our staff at St Hilda's, both teaching and support. It is the kindest group of people I have ever worked with. I know you will enjoy reading about the many awards bestowed upon our staff. I am incredibly proud of their achievements and thank them for their dedication and hard work. Teaching is the best job in the world, but not the easiest! We are also welcoming 6 of our staff's children into Year 7 in September. A clear sign of how good our school is!

We have concentrated on our teaching and learning this year. Quality first teaching and learning in the classroom is the key to the results your sons and daughters should be aiming for. We have focussed on questioning and standards. We should all have the same high expectations. Attendance is still not where it should be and I ask you to make sure that your sons and daughters have the best attendance they can. Thank you for your support to date.

I hope you can see how immensely proud I am of our school, its students and staff. This is a wonderful place to work and study. I truly do have the best job!

May I wish you all a lovely summer and look forward to working with you all in September. Remember, we have launched FOSH (Friends Of ST Hilda's) and are working more closely than ever with parents and carers.

Our partnership is vital to the success of the school and I welcome all of your suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support,

Jo Code

Governor's thoughts on the year.

St. Hilda's is a happy school and that is very important, when people enjoy their study and work, pupils and teachers alike they thrive. Examinations have been in the news quite a bit recently and as a result it would be easy for everyone's stress levels to go through the roof when that happens it makes it very difficult to achieve.

This year we have tried to make sure our pupils and students go into their public examinations in a relaxed frame of mind, no last minute cramming that really doesn't work, slow and steady is a better preparation for exams.

At St. Hilda's we try very hard to nurture the talents of the whole pupil or student and to help them find out for themselves, with appropriate support and guidance, what they are or will be good at. St. Hilda's pupils, I nearly said girls, can be found in a wide range of places and employment not only in Liverpool but elsewhere in the UK and beyond. Boys. The governors made a bold decision to make the school co-educational a few years ago. It was the right decision and the boys are fully integrated into the life and worship of the school, now it just seems normal. We have made some changes to certain areas of the curriculum to make them more boy friendly and football has become a regular feature for both boys and girls, what we have now is a school ready to face the challenges that the next few years will undoubtedly bring.

In conclusion your children are important to us, we want them to develop into responsible citizens who can think for themselves and hopefully become leaders in their chosen professions once they leave us here. The governor's work very hard for the school and donate large portions of their time to the school in September we will be having elections for 2 new parent governors, please consider putting your name forward and if you want some more information about being a governor please contact Mrs E.Topping at the school.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer

Joan Stein, Julian Daley and Steve Peacock chair and vice-chairs of governors

TOP LINGUISTS

2017-2018



GERMAN

Year 8: Tabitha Hall, Elle Frith

Year 9: Alex Rothwell, Zainab Issa

Year 10: Holly Robinson, Isabel Blore



FRENCH

Year 7: Josh Maloney

Year 8: Anna Windle, Jennifer Oakley

Year 9: Zainab Issa, Maryann Mukete

Year 10: Lucy McLoughlin

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SPANISH

Year 8: Lailah Karamat-Ali, Niamh O'Keefe

Year 9: Ellie McNee, Ella Greer, Grace Jones

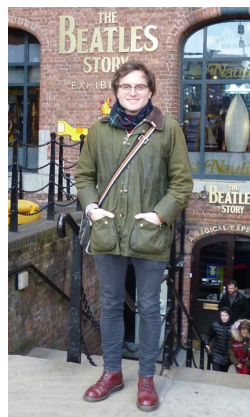
Year 10: Abbie Barlow, Emily Gillett



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Host a German teacher scheme (UK-German connection)

Mr Philipp Sammel, a teacher of English, German and Philosophy at the Warndtgymnasium, a grammar school in Saarbrücken, joined the St Hilda's German department for 3 weeks after February half term, following Mrs James' successful application to the "Host a German Teacher" scheme. It was a fantastic opportunity for both teachers and students to explore cultural similarities and differences, and to have a "real" German teacher join our lessons.



During his stay, Mr Sammel co-taught 6th form lessons on current German music, popular YouTube channels and on current political developments, the German football leagues for Year 8 and 9, and supported the Y11 in their preparation for their mock orals.

As a result of Mr Sammel's visit, Mrs James' Year 8 class have now a close pen pal link with one of Mr Sammel's English classes, which all of the students really enjoy. One of our Year 12 students, Ayla, has just returned from a 10-day stay with a student from Mr Sammel's school, where she had a fantastic experience, and the two students are already planning Melina's visit to Liverpool.

This new link with Saarbrücken is just another close link to Germany, alongside our long-standing links with Cologne, Attendorn and Munich.

MFL Helpers

- The MFL department wishes to thank the people who have come in to St Hilda's to help out in Languages lessons this year. What is especially pleasing is that the vast majority are former students. It has been lovely to work with you and to hear how you are getting along!
- Many thanks to Jessica Muirhead, Stephanie Dodd, Bethany Christiansen, Keira Crossley, Olivia Devereux, Jennifer Binns, Isobel Kelly-Davies, Emily Plunkett, Daniel Foster, Susana Munoz and Rebecca O'Hare

Year12 students visit Germany

Lois Lowther-Devereux and Ayla Kirchner have both travelled to meet their penfriends in our German partner schools. Lois went to Cologne and Ayla to Saarbrücken.

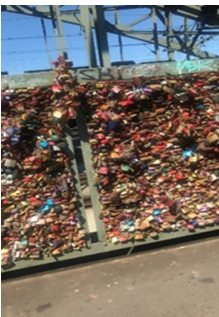
They both had an amazing time and are looking forward to their new friends coming to Liverpool.

Cologne exchange by Lois Lowther-Devereux



Recently I took part in an exchange in Germany where I went to live with Selina, my German pen pal, and her family for 5 days.

On my first day in Germany, Selina showed me around the city. We visited many different landmarks including the Cologne cathedral and then went shopping in the town centre. In the evening, we met up with her friends for dinner and then spent the rest of the evening with them.



On the Sunday, we met up with more of Selina's friends and went to see some of Cologne's landmarks including the Hohenzollernbrücke, their lock bridge, and then we spent the rest of the day in the park, enjoying the sun.



During the week, I attended school with Selina and sat in lessons such as Maths, History, RE, German, Chemistry and Spanish. After school, we would get ice cream with her friends, visit the sights, and then go home and watch a film in

German.

Even though it was challenging to only speak German for a week, I had the best experience and got to meet lots of new people and loved learning about the culture of Cologne.

The Saarland by Ayla Kirchner

I recently went to stay with my pen pal, Melina, in the Saarland for twelve days. Most days, Melina and I went to the Warndt-Gymnasium, one of St Hilda's partner schools, where I met Mr. Sammel again.



On Saturday we drove to the Saarschleife. We walked along the new treetop path, and saw the Saarschleife from above. That was wonderful! Then we drove to Saarburg, where there is a great waterfall that flows through the town.

On Sunday we went to the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site, Völklinger Hütte, a former ironworks.



We did loads of other interesting things too..... We had a day in Saarbrücken, shopping and visiting the sights, including the Ludwigskirche, the Johanneskirche and also the castle. We did a guided tour of a coal mine, to a flea market, and also to a feeding of Arctic wolves in the Wolfspark Warndt!

I had a wonderful time with Melina in Germany!

Mother Tongue Other Tongue 2018



Officially Endorsed by
Malala Yousafzai

Youngest Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Education Activist

In April, the MFL Department, English Department and the library launched this competition in school.

Mother Tongue asked pupils, who do not have English as a first language, to write about a creative poem or song in their native language, while Other Tongue asked pupils to create an original poem in a second language they are learning at school (French, German or Spanish).

We had an amazing response!

The Winners!

Year 8

Elle Frith (German poem)

Ifetijesu Olaoye (mother tongue)

Year 9

Zainab Issa (mother tongue)

Year 10

Holly Robinson (German poem)

Inayah Hussain (French poem)

Grace Pepper (French poem)

Fadumo Farah (mother tongue)

Year 11

Lava Banko (mother tongue)

Well done to them all!

They each received 50 house points, and their beautiful poems were displayed in the atrium for everyone to enjoy.

SPORTS NEWS

Cricket

Despite a delayed start to the game it looked like everyone could have been home for 5:00 but, how wrong we all were! Steve O'Neill with an outstanding first over for St Hilda's with three wickets coming in the first 5 balls. Mr Fitzsimon then kept the pressure on the away side with a wicket maiden. Head of PE Dave Harvey then arrived at the crease and changed the complexion of the game with a 40 run partnership for the 6th wicket, in which the St Hilda's fielders took it in turns between themselves to put down several good chances! St Hilda's kept Kirkby's score respectable with some very good line and length bowling despite the lightening pace of the Sefton outfield. 103 was the total set after 20 overs, which St Hilda's would probably feel was very achievable but should have been a little lower for how well they bowled. Steve O'Neill the pick of the bowlers finishing with figures of 4-8 off his three overs. Probably never seen so many injuries in one innings though Ben Norton with a pulled hamstring and Jim Fitzpatrick coming out in all kinds of bruises to name a couple!



A strong start was made by the opening PE duo Lloyd and Deane for St Hilda's with 16 runs coming off the first two overs. Jon Deane then got out to a great catch at cover but Mike Wildsmith came in and hit an unbeaten 27. St Hilda's looked well on course to achieve their total but once the 4th wicket of O'Neill fell the momentum shifted back to the away team. A combination of excellent fielding and bad luck saw the last 6 wickets fall for just 10 runs as St Hilda's are bowled out for 81, meaning a Kirkby High victory by 22 runs as St Hilda's are left to lick their wounds for another year! A great team display and an excellent evening had by all though, great effort St Hilda's!



St Hilda's have had an excellent cricket season so far with many wins. The year 9 boys' cricket team are through to the finals of the Liverpool schools' cup competition. They defeated The Bluecoat School by 6 runs. The year 8 boys' cricket team are also through to the finals, they defeated St Edward's College by 24 runs.

They year 7 boys' cricket team have gone through to the second round of the Lancashire cup. They defeated Manchester Academy 74-5, St Hilda's 76-7, St Hilda's win by 3 wickets. They will play Chorlton High School or Thornleigh Salesian School in the next round.

Rounders

Congratulations to the year 9 rounders team who are currently in 2nd place in the premier league. The year 7 team have also had a good season so far and are currently in 3rd position.

Athletics

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who took part in the Liverpool schools athletics championships at Wavertree sports centre.



The following students won medals in their events:

Josh Redmond – 800m Gold.

Reuben Nyenre – Hurdles Silver.

Cameron Scott-Allan – Shot put Gold.

Harrison Hanley, Michael Slater, Brendon Ndlovu, Cameron Scott-Allan – 4 x 100m relay Gold.

Theo Lourenco – Javelin Silver.

Dylan Fitzsimmons – Hurdles Bronze.

Grace McGloughlin – High jump Gold and 200m Silver.

Eva Richardson – 200m Gold.

Isobel Blakemore-Clark – 1500m Gold.

Isabel Davey – Hurdles Silver.

Katy Mae Dinnage – Long jump Bronze.

Amber Lashley – Shot put Gold.

Aisha Quartey-Davis – Long jump Bronze.

Erin Sword-Gargan, Holly McGee, Ellie Lloyd, Eva Richardson – 4 x 100m relay Gold.

Swimming

Congratulations to the year 7 girls' swimming team who won their age group competition at the Liverpool schools' swimming gala.

Team: Jessica Ross, Charlotte McGorry, Elise Bruns, Ela Raley-Williams, Eleni Xynarianos (Captain), Kenya Kagbo.

Tennis

The key stage 3 boys got through to the finals and lost in a very close match 13-12. This was a fantastic performance by all the players who finished as 'runners up' in the Liverpool schools' league.

Tennis team key stage 3 boys: Brad Stewart, James Weeks, Lucas Dundjerovic, Khaled Al Saqqaf, Leo James, Elliot Hunter, Isaac Butland, Finlay Abrahams, Sean McFarlane, Alex Chakalov, Taylor Richardson, Tom Evans.

Basketball

The year 8 girls' basketball team are the City Champions for 2018 in the Liverpool schools' tournament. Congratulations to all the players.

Team: Ebun Akinya, Ifetijesu Olayoe, Anna Windle, Freya Ambrose, Jorja Sumner, Andrea Ellinas (Captain), Clara Gutteridge-Tuso, Holly Richards, Elle Frith, Isabel Davey.

Dodgeball

The year 8 and 9 boys are the Liverpool schools' city champions. There were some fantastic skills and team work on show at the tournament, well done to all the players.

Team: Ronan Brady, Cameron Scott-Allen, Jack Jevons, Elliot Hunter, Aswin Shibu, Samad Sayed, Leo James.

Table tennis

The St Hilda's students have dominated the table tennis league this year. The key stage 3 boys A team are the Liverpool Schools' city champions and the B team were the runners up. Well done to all the players.

Dance

Liverpool Schools Dance Competition

Congratulations to the year 8 dance troupe who place 3rd in the Liverpool Schools' dance competition. The girls were the only team to win a prize, other than the specialist dance schools! This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all the dancers who took part.

Troupe 1: Courtney Garrity (choreographer), Amber Gerrard, Eleanor O'Connor, Kesia Robby, Fleur McCarthy-Harkin, Akiya Connor, Amelia Abraham, Nancy Gaskell, Lucy Murray, Jessica Ross, Jade Tagoe, Jessica Begley, Zubya Bilal.

Troupe 2: Caitlyn Means, Freya Ambrose, Jorja Sumner.

Merseyside County Netball Finals

The year 7 and year 8 netball teams qualified for the Merseyside Finals in netball.

The year 7s were really successful. They won 4 games, drew 2 and lost 1. The year 7's missed out on qualifying for the semi-finals by 1 goal against Wirral Grammar School.

Year 7 Team: Akiya Connor, Gabrielle Cruse, Lara Bratherton, Mia White, Faidra Papagianni, Ela Raley-Williams, Fran Hardman (Captain), Evie Corrigan.

Year 8 Team: Clara Gutteridge-Tuso, Holly Richards, Andrea Ellinas (captain), Jorja Sumner, Isobel Davey, Freya Ambrose, Ifetijesu Olayoe, Anna Windle, Ebun Akinya.

St Hilda's Art and Culture festival

'The World in One School'

On the 5th and 6th of July the school are having a whole school event to celebrate the diversity of culture within our school. This will run for 2 days during which staff and students will have the opportunity to attend various workshops and sessions run by both school staff, visitors and parents.



The event will culminate on the Friday with a showcase during which students can present aspects of their learning over the 2 day event. This is an event which we hope to run annually in school however each year will have a different theme. Students and staff are excited about the event.



In the Art department we are making 5 large 3 dimensional Liver birds (one for each of our schools houses) these birds will then be colour coded linked to the house colours and decorated with the students multicultural artwork and will be exhibited as our new school mascots. On the lead up to these days the students will be working on these sculptures in lessons. To launch to these sculptures on Thursday the 21st of July we had the fantastic opportunity for some of our students and staff to work alongside Liverpool Artist/Sculptor Faith Bebbington.

Faith worked with some y8, 9, 10 and 12 classes and our school staff to start the building of our Liver birds and they are taking shape nicely.





**Year 7 Admissions
2019**

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 12th July

3.30pm- 7pm

OPEN AFTERNOON

Thursday 20th September

1.30pm- 4pm

**Please note - the date of the open day
was printed incorrectly in the Liverpool
Local Authority Admissions Booklet.**

Dementia Friends Session

On Tuesday 12th June, we held our first public Dementia Friend session. This is an initiative from the Alzheimers Society to change people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition. Those that attended learned 5 key messages about dementia and pledged to carry out an action; from telling friends about the programme to getting more involved with the charity. We are proud to have created 15 new dementia friends and look forward to continuing to support this fantastic campaign.



HOUSE NOMINATIONS 2018...



This is an exciting time for year 10 as they make preparations to take on the important role of House Captain and Vice-Captain next year. Our current year 10 form leaders have had numerous meetings with Heads of House to discuss these very important roles. We are all in agreement that their responsibilities should be even bigger and better next year, allowing them to develop their leadership skills by representing their houses in numerous ways.

The application process has begun and students are being interviewed by Heads of House to decide who is up for the job!

Good luck to all those that have applied.

Who will the future House Captains of 18/19 be?

Healthy Eating Week

11th June saw the start of BNF Healthy Eating Week 2018! At the heart of the Week are five challenges and everyone in school was encouraged to complete them.



The five challenges were...

Monday – Have breakfast

Tuesday – Have 5 A DAY

Wednesday – Drink plenty

Thursday – Get active

Friday – Make a Change

IT/Computing Department Visit of Barclays Bank Education Team

What is Big Data?

Year 12 BTEC IT students were treated to a visit by members of the Barclays Bank Education Team who spoke on the topic of “Big Data”. Big Data is a term for large, complex and layered groups of data that can be analysed to spot patterns and trends. Using data from multiple sources we can gain deeper and more accurate information that we can use to our benefit. Big Data analysis requires multiple computers to work together as the amount of data collected is so large.

Much of the activity in our daily lives leaves behind a data footprint, such as searching online, using debit or credit cards, tracking a workout or even getting the bus. This means Big Data is often available in real time – and in huge volumes. Big Data analysis doesn’t tend to ask specific questions – it simply monitors information looking for trends or patterns.

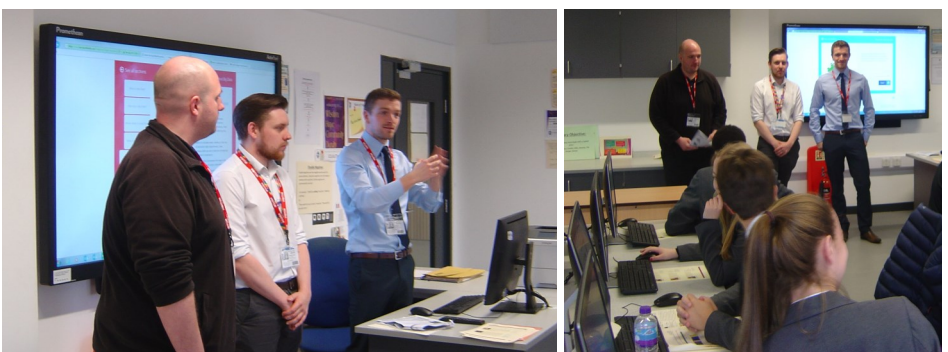
How big is Big Data?

Adding up all the sources of data in the world, from the data collected by space exploration rovers to the latest social media posts - the numbers are staggering. It’s estimated that we create over 2.5 trillion megabytes of data every day (that’s 2,500,000,000,000,000,000 bytes, or enough to fill 10 million Blu-ray discs!)

By 2020, it is estimated that the digital universe will equal 40 zettabytes (40 billion terabytes, that’s around 5,247GB of machine-generated data for every person on the planet).

Year 12 BTEC IT students benefited from a very interesting morning provided by the Barclays team and were able to take part in a number of stimulating activities exploring this increasingly important phenomenon.

The IT/Computing Department would like to thank Barclays for their participation in this event.



News from the Math's Department

UKMT Intermediate Challenge

On Thursday 1st February, 60 students from Y9 & 10 sat the UKMT Intermediate Challenge. They achieved 1 gold, 2 silver and 18 bronze certificates, and 2 students qualified for the European Kangaroo; Ellie McNee and Amber Lashley you have achieved a St Hilda's first and we are really proud of you.



Number Day

On Friday 2nd February we celebrated NSPCC Number Day. The mini maths leaders ran a quiz and became mini celebrities on the first video screening of their big bar chart video using the National Numeracy certificates achieved by parents and staff. Students had lots of fun working out and then tracking down the wearers of the number hunt clues. The Y9 maths leaders raised money for the NSPCC with pennies in the jar, beat the goalie and a bake sale, altogether totalling £111.07.



Code Cracking

On Tuesday 6th March, all Y8 & Y9 students became code crackers for the day. To unlock the boxes, students worked in teams to solve problems involving time sequencing, map reading, 3D visualisation and balance, to name but a few. Are GCHQ recruiting?



UKMT Team Challenge



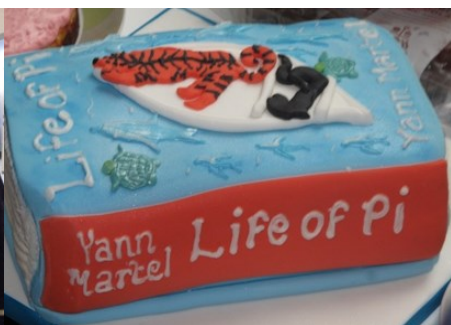
On Tuesday 13th March a team of four top mathematicians from Y8 & Y9 participated the UKMT team challenge for Merseyside, coming 10th out of 25 regional schools, a best ever ranking for St Hilda's. Brilliant stuff.

Tenner Challenge

Budding entrepreneurs were invited from across the school to take part in the Tenner Challenge. In a short time frame the successful teams have bid for funding, projected costs and potential profit and traded for 2 weeks with all funds going towards the HOBY initiative. Their business ventures included film making workshops, tuck shop, sales of stylus pens and handmade products from the bee hive. The winning initiative was the Year 8 tuck shop making a profit of over £60.

PI Day

Wednesday 14th March was World Pi Day and St Hilda's celebrated in traditional style with a bake sale organised by the mini maths leaders. Students, staff and parents were extremely generous with their bakes and donations, and raised £218.66 for Alder Hey. In the maths vs English bakeoff, Mrs Pichilingi's amazing creation of an edible book "The life of Pi" won the day, and students Cameron Scott-Allen and Harrison Hanley were also awarded special prizes for their wonderful Pi-inspired cakes. The vowel-less quiz attracted lots of interest and was won by Sam Wainwright, 7AS.



Liverpool Counts Quality Mark

Pi Day was also the day of our Liverpool Counts Quality Mark assessment visit. Through the Weekly Maths Challenge, teachers asking "where's the maths in this?" across the curriculum, and the students from Rubik's Cube club, Maths Clinic and maths leaders, it was clear that St Hilda's promote Numeracy for Life at every opportunity and was awarded silver. A team of students were invited to attend the celebration event alongside other primary and secondary schools on Friday 22nd June. Four rubik's experts performed to rapturous applause, solving their cubes in a relay within 3 minutes.

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

On Thursday 26th March, budding mathematicians from year 7 & 8 sat the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Whilst individuals are awaiting certificates, I can tell you that 33 out of the 53 St Hilda's students that sat the challenge got an award which is 62% of our entrants, above the national average of 40%. Dorothy Gaskell 7WG deserves a special mention because her high score saw her qualify for the Junior European Kangaroo, another St Hilda's first.

Author Visit



On Wednesday 26th April, year 7 students were treated to an afternoon with Kjartan Poskitt, author of the Murderous Maths books. He entertained them with all manner of maths 'magic' in an engaging and interactive way. "This man is amazing, funny and clever all in one! I would watch it all over again!" said Jessica Ross, 7GC. "I couldn't stop laughing. I must have told my mum about 70 times. She told me to shut up after 60" exclaimed Gabrielle Cruse, 7WY. "The best bit was when Kjartan cut a Christmas card and put 10 people inside it." Declared Eleanor O'Connor, 7AS.

Rotary Club Young Writer of the Year



Isaac Butland (year 8) was named as the Rotary Club Young Writer of the Year 2018 (intermediate) at an awards dinner held in Woolton Town Hall earlier this month. Isaac, along with Niamh Ravenhill (year 8) who was commended as a runner up, received a certificate and cash prize.

In My Life Diary Writing Competition

In February the library and English department came together to organise a diary week in school.

Pupils were asked to write diaries in all subject areas, either factual or fictional. Over 50 entries were sent off to Liverpool Learning Partnership who had organised the In My Life competition. Samantha Roberts (year 7) and Niamh O'Keefe (year 8) have been highly commended for their entries and Sarah Kneale (year 11) is an overall runner-up, beating pupils from all over Liverpool. The awards ceremony will take place at the Museum of Liverpool on 28th June.



Cathy Cassidy visit



We were so pleased to host Cathy Cassidy's book launch last week for Sami's Silver Lining! It was a wonderful day, during our Readathon week, which celebrated reading and books. Holly Hughes and Isabel Blore (year 10)

organised and ran our "slipper day" back in May to raise funds to bring Cathy into school but she kindly waived her fee, saying that it was a pleasure to spend her launch day in such lovely surroundings. The money we raised will go to refugee charities suggested by Cathy – as the main character in her new book is a 15 year old Syrian refugee. For some of our pupils, Cathy Cassidy's books were the first they'd ever really read and it was so exciting for them to meet her 'in the flesh'! We even had special guests from Greenbank Primary school, year 6 pupils celebrating the end of their SATS. They had the opportunity to buy a copy of Cathy's book and get it signed. It was lovely to further strengthen our links with this local school and share the excitement of this wonderful event. We would like to thank Cathy for taking the time, during what was a very busy week of book events, to spend the day with us

English Literature Theatre Trips

Year 12 have enjoyed three trips to the theatre, as part of their A Level Literature studies. They headed to sunny Stratford-Upon-Avon, home of Shakespeare, when they visited the RSC Swan theatre to watch a production of John Webster's, 'The Duchess of Malfi'. For the second trip they visited the Welsh Hills to see 'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams, at The Theatre Clwyd. Then it was back to Stratford-Upon-Avon to see Shakespeare's 'King Lear'.

Scholastic Book Fair

This year we have had our most successful book fair ever, with £936 worth of books being sold. This meant that we received £561 commission to buy new books for the school library. As a thank you to parents for their support, we will be arranging another book fair in December where all books will be half price!



*The music and drama department
are pleased to announce*

The Rogues Gallery on Tuesday 10th July.

*Tickets available from Mrs McCann in
room 025. Please note, this is a ticket
only event.*

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D&T News – 2018-2019

A Year of Change!

Over the course of the past twelve months, D&T has seen a huge amount of change take place! We have new courses, new equipment, new staff and such a range of extra-curricular activities that it's hard to pick only a few to call highlights!

Year 7 students have shown themselves to be an exciting cohort of design thinkers and problem solvers. Seeing students develop the range of ideas that they have during their Core Design Skills scheme of work has been a pleasure to witness. We have some very exciting times coming when they get to developing their GCSE options! Year 8 have taken to their electronics scheme of work with gusto, showing real understanding of some of the more complex areas of electronics and how to apply this to the practical side of their work. Students have been particularly keen to take home their audio amplifier circuits; it has been interesting to hear the range of great, and less great(!), musical tastes come to the fore during the testing phase. Year 9 have exceeded all expectations this year; their work on the Prosthetic hands project is to be commended and applauded. We have seen students apply hydraulics to their designs, having developed their understanding of force and pressure. Each group has worked to outdo the previous efforts of the groups before them, and each term we have seen designs improve! The quality of work across Key Stage 3 has gone through the roof this year and we look forward to seeing even more progress next year. Well done to all students this year.

Outside of Key Stage 3, we have seen the success of D&T week, as reported in previous newsletters. Team D&T is still basking in the glory of victory over Team Science in the Hovercraft Challenge and we look forward to taking on our STEM colleagues again when the Hovercraft Challenge returns in January. Similarly, we saw the weird, wonderful and outright bizarre entered into the Egg-Drop Challenge, and look forward to more egg-cellent designs being entered next year. D&T club has gone from strength to strength with a loyal membership; many of whom have gone on to opt for GCSE D&T from September. Students have worked under the tutelage of our Technician, Mr Noble, who has shared his vast experiences and knowledge with them. Well done to all involved.

Our most significant development has been the overwhelmingly positive reaction to the return of GCSE D&T and the introduction of Technical Award Engineering to the KS4 curriculum. We are delighted with the support shown both by parents and students alike with regard to options and cannot wait to get started on the path to GCSE success with our new cohorts in KS4. Thanks to all parents/carers who have attended parents evenings, options evenings, asked questions, encouraged and supported students in opting for D&T/Engineering. The importance of D&T and Engineering in the curriculum is not to be under-estimated or under-valued and it is wonderful to see that the parents and students at St. Hilda's share that common ground with teachers. We have an exciting year ahead of us in 2019/2020 and cannot wait to get started!

Mr Fitzpatrick – Head of D&T

Lord Storey Visit

As part of the Peers in Schools programme organised by the Houses of Lords, our Year 12 Politics class and some Year 10 students met Lord Storey on Friday 22nd June. He spoke to them about his role and work as well as discussing possible reforms/abolition of the House of Lords. He then organised a vote as it would occur in the House on the legalisation of soft drugs. This visit was very well received and linked directly to the A Level Politics specification. We thank Lord Storey for his time and hope to take him up on his offer of visiting Parliament next term.



Geography department Summer visits

Summer term sees our busiest time for lower school Geography visits. This is very important for us as it helps the pupils relate to the things they have been talking about in the classroom all year.

Along with the Art department, we are taking Year 7 into Liverpool City Centre to investigate the importance of tourism in our city. They will visit the Tate Gallery, Liverpool ONE and finish with a Mersey Ferries Cruise. All the while they will be talking to locals and tourists and finding out what makes our city so special.

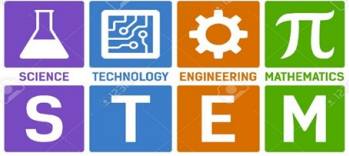
Year 8 Geographers will visit Hilbre Island in July. Only accessible at low tide, Hilbre is a beautiful nature reserve where pupils can explore a coastal landscape in miniature while practicing mapping and enquiry skills.

Outdoor learning has so much value to our pupils – health and well-being, stimulating curiosity and developing and appreciation of the world around them. We take this very seriously at St Hilda's and are proud that our pupils have positive memories of these visits many years after they have been.

Beekeeping update

St Hilda's two hives are currently thriving. The May bounty of pollen is at its height and both queens are working very hard producing the workers who are gradually building up our honey stores. This will continue over the next few months until September when we will begin to harvest the honey from our hives. Our young beekeepers (from Y7-10) will then focus on the marketing and sale of our St Hilda's honey, hopefully in time for Christmas.

Do look out for this special, locally produced, sustainable product during our school events in the Autumn term.



YEAR 10 STEM DAY
26TH JUNE 2018

We were very excited to be able to host our first STEM day which was run by EDT and kindly sponsored by TATA. The whole day was designed to excite and enlighten students about how STEM is so important in today's society. Our students experienced practical activities such as codebreaking, ECO design and a scientific Dragons' Den where they had to design and build prototypes for products that could change our lives. These tasks also allowed a students to develop important key skills of team work, communication, time management, creativity and problem solving.

We are so thrilled that each of the girls who took part in the STEM day also received an Industrial Cadet Challenger award – they are among the first in the country to receive this recognition.

It was a fantastic event and it was great to see our Year 10 students so enthusiastic, creative, innovative and confident in every activity – be reassured that the future of STEM is in very capable hands!



Inspiring future engineers & scientists



St Hilda's College



We have had a busy time in St Hilda's College. We said goodbye to our Year 13s on Thursday 24th May 2018 with a wonderful assembly where we looked back on their journey from Year 7. They can now enjoy a well-earned rest after completing their examinations. We wish them every success and look forward to celebrating with them on A level results day on Thursday 16th August 2018.

We have met with our Year 11 students to discuss their plans for their futures and we look forward to welcoming them to our college in September. They will be able to sign-up for their courses on GCSE results day which is on Thursday 23rd August 2018. We hope they are enjoying their well-deserved break and we look forward to celebrating their results with them.

Our Year 12 students have been looking at their plans for their future. To help them with this, we organised a series of events to give them an insight as to what is available to them after completing their Level 3 course. On Wednesday 13th June 2018, they took part in our Post –18 day. They enjoyed lectures from John Moores University, Stick and Step – a local charity that supports young people living with Cerebral Palsy and JM Recruitment, Education and Training who gave an overview of apprenticeship opportunities. Myself and Mrs Code discussed how to prepare for interviews and the softer skills required by both employers and universities. In the afternoon, we ran a series of workshops on a variety of subjects and careers. These were led by past students of St Hilda's and our Year 12s had the opportunity to ask questions and gain information about courses they are interested in.

On Wednesday 13th June 2018, Year 12s visited Liverpool University for the annual Merseyside UCAS and careers convention. Representatives from universities and colleges around the country were available to answer any questions and provide course information. In addition to this there were representatives from apprenticeship providers, The Armed Forces and Student Finance. Over 54 lectures were given on a variety of topics including Medicine, Accounting, Apprenticeships, Creative Writing, Bio – Sciences, Nursing and Midwifery to name a few.

On Tuesday 19th June 2018, Year 12s spent the day at Edge Hill University. We benefited from a bespoke programme of activities which included a campus tour and that all important student finance.

We are currently in the process of selecting our new College Leadership team. I am delighted with the number of students applying for the position of President and Vice President. It's going to be a difficult decision and I am confident we will have great team of student leaders for the next academic year.

Year 12 will return to college on Thursday 6th September 2018. They should arrive in college no later than 08:30. Year 13 will return to college on Friday 7th September 2018. They should arrive in college no later than 08:30.

I would like to thank all of our students, parents and carers for their continued support and helping to make our college such a special place. I feel very privileged to be leading such a talented and diverse cohort of students and I look forward to many more successes over the coming months. I wish all of our students a safe and happy summer break and look forward to welcoming them back in September 2018.

Roy Bellmon

Head of College/Assistant Headteacher

After School Cooking Club at St Hilda's

Every Monday after school at 3pm- 4pm with Miss Button and Mrs Ryan

Life is what you bake of it

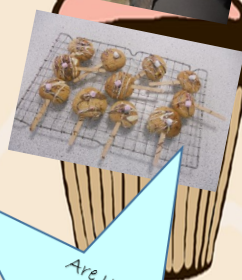
Some dishes we have been baking in the club:

- Flapjacks
- Cupcakes
- Raspberry buns
- Choc chip cookies
- Blueberry muffins
- Jam tarts
- Scones

To take part in September please speak to Miss Button in food room 123. All pupils welcome- The club will run for 7 weeks before rotating to a new group.



Pupils At St Hilda's have had the opportunity to produce a range of tasty baked goods in our after school cooking club. The club has been very successful and often has a waiting list of pupils eager to get involved.



Are you the next Mary Berry or Jamie Oliver???

REPROGRAPHICS

Printing and photocopying at St Hilda's

We can print your:

- Leaflets
- Flyers
- Newsletters
- Booklets
- Posters
- Banners
- Photographs

at a reasonable cost which will help raise extra funds to benefit the whole school.

What services are available?

For many years, staff and governors at St. Hilda's have been able to take advantage of the printing and copying facilities at the school. We print on various types of paper, vinyl, transparent materials and canvas and we can produce a wide range of high quality colour and black and white documents from a single A4 sheet to a five metre long banner. We now wish to extend this service to parents and friends, too.

From September 2018, the service will be available on demand during school term time and we welcome enquiries by telephone or e-mail. Subject to the demands on the service within school, simple black and white flyers or leaflets can be produced almost immediately, but more complex colour jobs are usually completed within 48 hours. We believe the cost to be competitive and we would be pleased to discuss any special requirements.

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Term Dates 2018-2019

Dates for students

Half term 1

Tuesday 4th September – Friday 19th October

Half term 2

Monday 29th October – Friday 21st Dec
(school finishes early)

Half term 3

Monday 7th January – Friday 15th February

Half term 4

Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April

Half term 5

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May
(Monday 6th May May Day – school is closed)

Half term 6

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July
(school finishes early)

School holidays

Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October

Monday 23rd December – Friday 4th January 2019

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

INSET days – no students in school

Monday 3rd September

Friday 28th September

Monday & Tuesday 22/23 July

1 INSET day to be arranged