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Cornerstone CHRONICLE

Message from Mrs Code

I am delighted to welcome you to the June edition of the Cornerstone Chronicle.

Firstly, I would like to commend all of our students who have been sitting GCSE's, A-Levels and internal mock examinations. This can be a demanding and sometimes challenging period, but I have been consistently impressed by the maturity, focus and perseverance shown by our young people. They have approached their exams with great commitment, supported brilliantly by our dedicated staff team, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

Alongside this, it has been fantastic to see students across the school engaging in enrichment opportunities such as the UKMT Maths Challenge. We congratulate all those who took part and represented the school so well.

This month has also been a very special time for our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they reach the end of their journey with us. Our Leavers' Assemblies have provided an opportunity to reflect on their achievements, growth and contribution to our school community. These moments are always filled with pride, gratitude and a touch of emotion, as we recognise the unique impact each cohort has made.

We have also celebrated together at our Prom events. We wish all our leavers every success as they move on to their next steps.

As always, I would like to thank our staff, students and families for your continued support, hard work and positivity. It is this strong sense of community that makes our school such a special place.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Cornerstone Chronicle and celebrating the many successes and achievements from across our school.

Jo Code - Headteacher

Maths Challenge

58 students from Years 7 and 8 sat the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge this term; an immersive experience to test their mathematical skills and powers of deduction. It was a strictly calculator free zone! Competing alongside 270,000 others, 36 of our students were in the top 40% nationally, earning bronze, silver and gold awards. Three of those students scored above the required threshold to be invited to sit the follow-on competition, the 2026 Junior Kangaroo which took place this month. We're very proud of Henry, Luke and Thomas' engagement and achievement.



Following on from the Junior UKMT, Henry C in Year 7 did so well that not only did he qualify for the next round, but his score made it possible for us to nominate him for the Parallel Academy! The Parallel Academy tutorial Programme offers a year of free online tutoring for strong, ambitious students in UK-based state schools, with the opportunity to continue through to the end of Year 11. Their goal is to increase the number and diversity of excellent mathematicians, and to put these students on the path to studying STEM at a top university. Henry was invited to sit a series of online tests lasting around one hour and performed strongly enough that he was then invited to a short interview. We're delighted to announce that Henry was successful and will be joining in with the tutorials in Y8! He even has some Summer homework to get himself prepared! Well done Henry, we're very proud of you!

WISDOM - HOPE - COMMUNITY - DIGNITY - EQUALITY - DIVERSITY

Artists of the Month

A huge congratulations to our talented Artists of the Month – Mae, Willow, Ella, Annabelle and Lucy! Their creativity, dedication and impressive artwork have truly stood out this month. We are so proud of the effort and imagination they continue to show. Keep up the amazing work!



AWF Ambassadors

Over two days, all Year 8 students took part in an engaging and thought-provoking event delivered in partnership with the Anthony Walker Foundation. The sessions focused on raising awareness of racism and microaggressions in schools, helping students to understand how everyday words and actions can impact others. The school's Anthony Walker Ambassadors played a leading role throughout the event, supporting discussions, encouraging students to share their views, and helping their peers explore what it means to be an active ally. Through group activities and open conversations, students developed a greater understanding of respect, inclusion, and how to challenge discrimination positively and safely. Following the event, the Anthony Walker Ambassadors are now evaluating the discussions and feedback from students to help continue promoting an inclusive and supportive school community.

Student Spotlight

We are incredibly proud to share that Rakan recently volunteered with Alder Hey Children's Hospital at a community event held in Liverpool Central Library. During the event, Rakan played an active role in supporting children and families, helping to set up a range of toys and activities for all ages. He also took responsibility for managing the board games table, ensuring everyone could join in and enjoy the experience. At the end of the event, he helped with the clear-up, showing great teamwork and commitment throughout the day. Rakan approached the opportunity with enthusiasm, maturity and a strong sense of responsibility. His willingness to give his time to support others is a wonderful example of our school values in action, and a reflection of his character both inside and outside the classroom. Well done, Rakan—we are very proud of you!



Congratulations to our chess stars!

A huge well done to our talented students who took part in the Merseyside Junior Chess Megafinal at the weekend!

All competitors are proud members of St Hilda's Chess Club, and we are incredibly proud of their dedication, focus, and sportsmanship on such a big stage. Your hard work and passion for chess is truly inspiring—what an achievement!



Year 7 Liverpool Cup Final:

St Hilda's 1-1 Calderstones (St Hilda's win 9-8 on penalties).

We are boys football city champions! For only the 2nd time in our history! It was one of the tightest games of football I have ever seen. Calderstones took the lead with 5 minutes to go but we never gave up, Pennington scoring two minutes later. The game was decided by penalties, all 8 outfield players scored which meant the moment fell to our goalkeeper, Machenry, he saved a pen and then scored the winning penalty!!

What an incredible moment, and the perfect end to what has been an incredible debut season for this team. St Hilda's history.

Mr Deane's MOTM: Osborn and Bloomfield.



Read with Pride at St Hilda's

At St Hilda's, we are proud to promote a culture of reading that celebrates diversity, inclusion and belonging. This month, our library has been showcasing a special collection of books exploring themes of equality, identity and allyship, encouraging students to see the world through different perspectives.

Through these carefully chosen texts, students have been inspired to reflect on the importance of kindness, respect and understanding, while celebrating the diversity that makes our community so unique. Reading with Pride has been a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with powerful stories and meaningful conversations.

We were also delighted to take part in the Read with Pride Relay, bringing our school community together to share the joy of reading and highlight the importance of inclusion. It has been fantastic to see so many students getting involved and embracing the message that everyone belongs at St Hilda's.

Exciting Library News!

Our Library refresh is complete! Over the past few weeks, our school library has been undergoing a transformation—and we're delighted to share that it is now ready to welcome students back!

With brand new shelving and a dedicated quiet reading area, the space has been thoughtfully refreshed to create a calm, inspiring environment where students can enjoy reading, studying and discovering new ideas. We can't wait to see our students making the most of this fantastic new space!



Book Club Rewards

Our annual book club reward trips have been taking place over the last few weeks. We were also joined by some of our year 11 students. Thank you to Waterstones for an amazing morning, we bought lots of books and quite a bit of cake! Then on to Central Library for an afternoon of reading (and revision for year 10)



Staff Challenge for a Great Cause!

One of our staff members, Mr Riddall, is taking on an incredible World Cup-inspired challenge – running 1km for every goal scored in the tournament!

What started as a personal goal has now become a fundraising effort in support of Alder Hey Children's Charity, helping to make a real difference to children and families across our community.

With distances already ranging from 5km to an impressive 19km in a day, and more to come depending on match results, this is no easy feat!

Follow his journey through daily updates and help cheer him, on as he works towards their £500 fundraising target. Every step supports an amazing cause! If you would like to donate to the challenge, please visit our Facebook page.



Netball News!

We're so proud to celebrate an incredible achievement from our netball teams!

Every single girls' team we entered into the city league has won – a first for our school!

An absolutely amazing result and a testament to our students' hard work, teamwork and determination. We are beyond delighted – well done to all involved!



College Farewell!

We said goodbye to the Year 13 class of 2026 at their prom on Friday 26th June. It was an amazing event, at The Bentley Hotel, organised by the Student Leadership Team.

The College Team would like to say how proud we are of them and it was a pleasure to have such amazing students in our St. Hilda's Family. We will see them on results day on 13th August to celebrate their results. Well done to the class of 2026. We are so very proud of you!

St. Hilda's College sign up day is on Friday 21st August. All year 11 students have been given an appointment to attend a meeting. The College team would like to congratulate year 11 for completing their exams and look forward to seeing them in September in their grey St. Hilda's College blazers!



Key Dates

Cornerstone Week

6th - 10th July 2026

Year 10/12 Work Experience

6th - 10th July 2026

Sports Day

14th July 2026

Grease

13th & 15th July 2026

Last Day of term

17th July 2026

