



Hello to all the new students joining sixth form in September! We are looking forward to welcoming you into the sixth form community!

We hope you have had a great summer so far! The Senior Team would like to welcome you to sixth form and let you know that we are here for any queries or questions you may have when you arrive! Please do ask us anything you like and feel free to come and speak to us - we are all happy to talk!

We are confident you will enjoy life at the Sixth Form and believe every single one of you will find something you enjoy and will succeed here! Our sixth form is a welcoming, supportive space where every student can thrive, whether you are continuing from main school or joining us from another school, you will definitely find a community within Sixth Form which will help you grow academically and personally. As the senior team, we would encourage you to make the most of all the experiences offered to you!

This is a unique stage in your life, offering greater independence, fresh opportunities, and the chance to explore your passions- both inside and outside the classroom. The opportunities are endless, including our year group trips to prestigious universities, UCAS events, Gold Duke of Edinburgh and also the very competitive football and netball teams. The enrichment courses offer a variety of options, so there is definitely something for everyone! They range from preparing for university to playing sports or doing an EPQ so there will be something for you to enjoy. If you are interested in any specific career paths and confident you would like to develop skills for it, the variety of enrichment would provide you with some extra knowledge on top of content you learn in lessons. As an example of this, there are the pathways to law, teaching, and medicine programmes. There are multiple places to find support and help should you require it, whether it's the tutors, subject teachers or even us in the Senior Team - everyone will be happy to talk or offer advice! We are all confident you will enjoy your time here at St Christopher's Sixth Form and we know each and every one of you joining us will be a great addition and all bringing something unique to Sixth Form! We look forward to welcoming you and are confident you will settle in quickly and learn to love life at Sixth Form like we all do!



Dates for the Diary

21st August
GCSE Results and
Enrolment

2nd September
Term Starts

St Christopher's Sixth Form

Student Newsletter

Summer 2025

**Willow, Josiah, Ellie, Mia-Rose,
Poppy and Jake**

General News

Future Students get a taste for life in the Sixth Form



It was wonderful to welcome our future Lower Sixth students today at Taster Day!

They had a packed day with a welcome assembly, four subject lessons of their choice and the time to meet friends and make new ones.

We wish them all the very best for results day in August, and look forward to them joining us in September! Have a fantastic summer break!



Sixth Form Senior Team

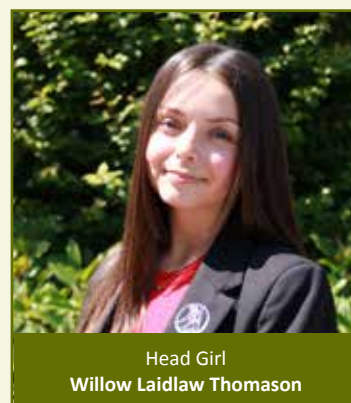
We have appointed our NEW St Christopher's Sixth Form Senior Team for 2025-26.

We'd like to thank the outgoing sixth form team for their dedication and for being great role models for St Christopher's over the past year.

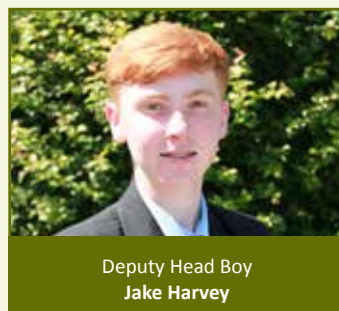
Each student had to write a letter of interest for the roles and go through a formal interview process to be selected.



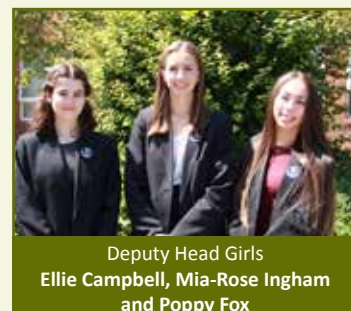
Head Boy
Josiah Finn



Head Girl
Willow Laidlaw Thomason



Deputy Head Boy
Jake Harvey



Deputy Head Girls
Ellie Campbell, Mia-Rose Ingham
and Poppy Fox

Our Sixth Form extended Senior Team are:

Charity Captain
Holly Applegate

Music Captains
Jacob Lawrence
Samantha Bernabe

Eco Captain
Charlie Gerrard

Librarian and FOSC Link
Emaan Khan

Pathways Captain
Rihanna Calamela

Performing Arts Captain
Ruby Hartley

Sport Captains
Holly Brown
Christopher Green
Hannah Reid

Welfare Representative
Emma Schofield

Worship Co-ordinator
Tom Humphreys

Courageous Christian Advocate (Theology & Liturgy)
Jonathan Rides

Courageous Christian Advocate (Nurture & Discipleship)
Bethany Harrison

Well done to them all!

Sixth Form **PROM**



Thank you to The Fence Gate for hosting us and to all the staff involved in making it a fantastic evening!

Student Success

At the beginning of a new year, parents, staff, pupils and students of St Christopher's CE High School gathered together for the 66th Annual Speech Night. The event, held in the assembly hall, celebrated the achievements of the Year 11 pupils and Upper Sixth (Year 13) students who had concluded their studies in 2024. It was a night of reflection, inspiration, and pride for the entire school community.

The evening was presided over by the Chair of Governors Fr David Arnold and Headmaster, Mr R D Jones, whose opening address set the tone for the occasion. His words resonated with gratitude for the students' hard work, the unwavering support of their families, and the dedication of the teaching staff. "This night is about celebrating excellence, perseverance, and the community that makes St Christopher's what it is—a beacon of hope and learning and an inspirational Church school."

If you received one of our special awards - well done! How satisfying to know that you are joining the list of names of those who came before you as part of the community of St Christopher's. We hope that being recognised in this way is as pleasing for you as it was for them.

The highlight of the night was the presence of the distinguished guest speaker, The Rt Revd Dr. Joe Kennedy, Bishop of Burnley. The awards ceremony followed, with the Bishop presenting certificates, trophies, and commendations to students who had excelled academically, athletically, and in community service. Among the notable recipients were Molly McCarthy from Year 11, who received the 'School Prize for Academic Merit', and Elliott Moseley, who was presented with the 'Alasdair Coates Award for Best Academic Results' for his tireless dedication to his studies in the Sixth Form.

The evening also featured musical interludes performed by the Sixth Form Choir, Cantores, with some beautiful singing that brought a smile to the faces of the attendees.

Former pupils, students and their families filled the hall with applause and laughter, sharing memories and marvelling at the accomplishments of the current generation. For many alumni, it was a chance to reconnect with old friends and mentors while reflecting on the enduring legacy of the school.

The event concluded with the school hymn 'Christopher's Story' and a vote of thanks by the current Head Boy and Girl of Sixth Form, followed by refreshments in the school dining room, where conversations buzzed with pride and nostalgia. As the crowd dispersed, there was a shared sense of belonging to something greater—a community rooted in faith, learning, and a commitment to excellence.

For St Christopher's CE High School and Sixth Form, the 66th Annual Speech Night was not just a celebration of achievements past, but a reaffirmation of its mission to inspire and equip students for lives of purpose and impact.

In the words of our Foundation scripture (Psalm 1:3):

'That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither- whatever they do prospers.'

R D Jones
Headmaster



The Rt Revd Dr. Joe Kennedy pictured alongside Headmaster Mr Jones and a few of the award winning pupils and students



The St Christopher's Cantores in fine voice



The Rt Revd Dr. Joe Kennedy presents certificates to the award winning pupils and students

Biology Olympiad



A few weeks ago, a group of Year 13 A-level Biology students took part in the British Biology Olympiad.

This is a national competition that challenges students with an interest in Biology to expand and extend their talents. They achieved a range of certificates! A massive well done to all students involved:

- Liliana Ismail - Participation
- Jason Zhou - Commended
- Sophie Blackledge - Silver
- Farhaad Ali - Silver
- Syed Shah - Silver

Fundraising Success



Well done to the whole of the Sixth Form!

As one of our many charity events the Sixth Form had a non uniform day in April and raised £146.65 for Cancer Research.

Study Leave Beckons for Upper Sixth



On the 9th May we said a fond farewell to the Upper Sixth on their final day in Sixth Form before study leave commences.

They are a fabulous group of young people and we will miss them. We wish them all the very best for their examinations over the next few weeks and look forward to the Prom in June and A-level results day in August.

Cambridge University Student Conference



A group of Lower Sixth students visited the University of Cambridge Student Conference at Haydock Park.

They attended talks from admissions tutors and current students on how to make a competitive application and interview preparation as well as subject overview sessions.

It certainly gave them a lot to think about in terms of aiming high for their future choices.

Trips and Visits

Over the past academic year students from both Upper and Lower Sixth have had the opportunity to experience the world around them, visit some of the top universities in the country and hear from professionals and employers about their experiences. In the following pages you can find out a little more about some of these exciting events...

Oxford University 2025 Trip

By Joe Jackson

As part of the annual Oxford trip, I and nine other students resided at Queen's College for a one night residential.

Over the course of our two-day trip, we completed various activities from taking part in university application workshops to receiving guided tours from students that attend each of the different colleges situated in Oxford. After we arrived, we spent some time getting to know the city independently, not just for the rest of our trip but for the possibility of attending in the future. During the evening on night one of our trip, we had the privilege of attending a useful talk from one of the representatives of Oxford University. Here, we all learnt how to formulate a personal statement as well as being told how other factors such as admissions tests and interviews affect the application process. After the talk, we were given some free time to establish a well-constructed plan for the course of action on the second day of our trip.

During our first night, we had the opportunity to stay in student accommodation at The Queen's College and also try the catered food menu provided to all students who stay at such college. This gave us the chance to truly experience student life at Oxford as well as gain plenty of useful information about what sort of accommodation we may want in the future.

As we explored the city campus of Oxford, we were introduced to the vast array of courses and academic opportunities available in a collegiate university. Being introduced to the large number of societies that all students can participate in, we were shown how these enhance university life and engage students socially with like-minded ambitious individuals. Being informed about the subjects on offer and extra curricular from current students allowed us to hear their honest opinions, thoughts and constructive guidance on the application process to achieve a place at Oxford.

Reflecting on this great residential, through the broad array of opportunities, experiencing a snippet of university life at Oxford we were shown the dynamic student life, world leading academic opportunity and communal atmosphere inspiring in us an ambition to aim for a place at Oxford or Cambridge.



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Lower Sixth Geographers Complete Fieldwork in North Wales



Lower Sixth Geography students recently travelled to Llandudno, North Wales, to complete their A-level fieldwork.

Day one focused on physical geography, with pupils investigating sand dune succession and beach sediment on both sides of the peninsula. They gained hands-on experience in data collection and learned the importance of accuracy in fieldwork.



Day two shifted to human geography, as students carried out environmental quality surveys and a “clone town” investigation to assess Llandudno’s retail landscape. After gathering valuable data for their NEA coursework, they enjoyed some well-earned downtime exploring the town.

Students represented the school brilliantly and returned to Accrington with both sun-kissed smiles and high-quality fieldwork data.



UCAS Discovery Exhibition



Lower Sixth students attended the UCAS Discovery Exhibition in Manchester.

They made the most of this fantastic opportunity to find out more about the courses and apprenticeships available to them from universities and companies around the UK. They could also spend time with UCAS experts and discuss the dedicated support available, as well as attend talks from experts in their fields.

This event is a vital part of our careers offer and helps our students with the decision making process.

Art Inspiration for our Students



Art and Textile students took a day trip to Tate Modern in London to help them with their upcoming studies and exam pieces.

This is an important part of their preparation for their exam pieces this summer. It was a great day and they saw some fantastic and inspirational pieces of work. We’re looking forward to seeing what the students come up with!

Trips and Visits

Students experience the classics at Ancient Greek Drama Festival at Warwick University

In January students in the Sixth Form who study Classical Civilisation were given the exciting opportunity to attend the Ancient Greek Drama Festival at the University of Warwick.



This links to a major unit in their studies. Students participated in several lectures and seminars, giving them a taste of studying at undergraduate level. They then watched a performance of Aeschylus' Agamemnon. Students were also able to get a feel for a university campus and an idea of student life.

The department and students are incredibly grateful to the Classical Association for their kind funding of transport for the trip, making it possible.

Some comments from students:

"It was a very interesting experience to see what university life was like in Warwick. Learning about classical civilisation in the lectures and seminar were quite informative. Watching Agamemnon was very exciting and, in my opinion, the highlight of the day."

- Amber M, Lower Sixth

"I enjoyed the seminar the most as it gave me an idea on how we would be taught classical civilisations at university. I enjoyed the performance of the play as it gave me an idea of what it would have been like to watch the play in Ancient Greece."

- Imogen N, Lower Sixth

"The seminars and lectures provided useful insight into the context of the play 'Agamemnon', the importance of language and how the themes found in Greek tragedy still speak to us today, thousands of years after they were first performed."

- Seb B, Upper Sixth

Prospective Trips for 2025-26

In the coming academic year (2025-26) we have the following trips planned, amongst several others!

- Durham University Trip 2026 (February)
- Cambridge Convention 2026 (March)
- National Apprenticeship Convention NW 2026 (March)
- Iceland Trip 2026 (Easter)
- Lancaster University Day 2026 (May)
- New York 2026 (May)
- Cambridge Residential 2026 (June/July)
- Oxford Residential 2026 (July)
- Concert Tour to Lake Garda and Venice in Italy for choirs and bands (July)
- Cern Science Trip 2026/7

More details, costs and dates will be announced once the new term starts in September 2025!

Please note all months stated are provisional at this stage.

Future medics learn more about their career options



A group of our students (including those on the future medics pathway) visited the East Lancashire Health Authority's Careers sessions.

It was a valuable, inspiring and interesting event giving the students plenty to think about for their chosen career paths.

Frozen - The West End Musical



St Christopher's CE High School and Sixth Form dazzled local audiences this March with an enchanting production of Frozen: The West End Musical. The show, which ran for four nights, showcased the immense talent of both pupils from the main school and students from the Sixth Form, leaving the audience spellbound with their exceptional performances.

"Winning the United Kingdom of Frozen Competition and representing the North West in the first staging of the full musical has been an exciting and rewarding experience for all. Huge amounts of hard work from everyone involved. When we stage a musical I have a picture in my head of how the show should look in performance and this amazing cast and crew realised that! What fantastic performances they were from our phenomenal cast". (Helen Davies, Director and Musical Director)

The school hall was transformed into the magical kingdom of Arendelle, where the beloved story of sisters Anna and Elsa unfolded with stunning visuals, vibrant costumes, and breathtaking musical numbers. The production captured the essence of Disney's beloved tale, bringing heart, humour, and wonder to the stage through its message of 'Love is an Open Door'.

A Cast Full of Talent

The lead roles were portrayed with remarkable maturity and flair. Elsa (Ellie Campbell, Lower Sixth), whose struggle to embrace her icy powers was portrayed with passion and vulnerability, captivated the audience with powerful renditions of "Let It Go and Dangerous to Dream." Anna's (Darcy Tayler, Upper Sixth) infectious energy and determination brought warmth and humour to the stage with a wonderful performance of 'For the First Time in Forever' creating a heart-warming contrast to her sister's icy isolation.

Ellie (Elsa) in Lower Sixth said "Frozen has given me an opportunity to make new friends and grow both as a person and performer. I hope that I can inspire another generation of performers through my chance to play such a role model. There is so much to learn from this musical and love really is an open door!"

Supporting characters, including the charming Kristoff (Tobyn Thorpe, Upper Sixth), the lovable Olaf (Jacob Hacking, Upper Sixth), the loving



Queen Iduna (Isobel Smith, Upper Sixth) the funny Oaken (Josiah Finn, Lower Sixth) and the mischievous, (or could he be evil?) Prince Hans (Sebastian Bernabe, Upper Sixth), added depth and comic relief, keeping the audience thoroughly entertained. The roles of Young Elsa (Sophie Charnley, Year 7 and Megan Burgoyne, Year 7) along with Young Anna (Elizabeth Clarke, Year 7 and Jessica Philps, Year 7) were sung superbly. The cast's chemistry from principals to chorus to dancers had a passion evident in every scene, making it clear how much dedication and hard work had gone into the production.

Bringing Arendelle to Life

The behind-the-scenes crew also played a crucial role in making the production a success. The creative team delivered dazzling stage effects, seamless scene transitions, and vibrant costumes that added authenticity to the story. The lighting and sound effects were expertly managed, enhancing the emotional and magic moments and adding excitement to the high-energy musical numbers.



A special mention goes to the school's music department, whose work with the talented young performers ensured that each note was pitch-perfect and each harmony flawless. The choreography, which included complex ensemble sequences, was executed with precision and energy, drawing enthusiastic applause from the crowd.

Community Pride and Praise

Parents, staff, and members of the local community filled the hall each evening, showing their support and admiration for the young performers. Many attendees commented on the professionalism of the production, with some even comparing it to performances seen on professional stages.

"The cast was phenomenal," said one parent. "The passion and talent on display were incredible. It's amazing to see such dedication from the students, and the end result was magical!"

A Memorable Experience for All

The success of Frozen: The West End Musical was not only a testament to the talent and hard work of all the pupils and students but also highlighted the school's commitment to fostering creativity and providing opportunities for young people to shine through music and performing arts. For the pupils and students involved, the experience will undoubtedly leave lasting memories and a sense of pride in their achievement.

As the final curtain fell after four unforgettable nights, the applause echoed as a celebration of the hard work, teamwork, and boundless creativity that brought the magic of Frozen to life at St Christopher's CE High School and Sixth Form.

We'd also like to thank Harry Emberton (Lower Sixth) for providing the amazing lighting and John Ormerod for sound and sound effects, the professional musicians who formed the orchestra alongside some of our own musicians, Clive Lawrence for the professional photographs and to our sponsors (The Little Stage Company, Ashleigh's Dance and Theatre Academy, Let's Go Physio, Cranberry Coachways, Blackburn Cathedral, Burnley Light Opera Society, Act One Beginners, Stratus 9 Consulting, Moving People, Mrs Dowsons and the Friends of St Christopher's) for their support.

Guest Speakers

History Lecturer Delivers Masterclass



Dr Jonathan Colman, Senior Lecturer of International History at the The University of Central Lancashire - UCLan, visited the Sixth Form to talk to our History students about the beginning of the Cold War.

He also covered one of the most influential figures in the early stages of the war, from the British side, Sir Frank Roberts, who was also a resident of Accrington! We'd like to thank Dr Colman for giving up his time to deepen both Upper and Lower Sixth students' knowledge in the subject as they prepare for their upcoming exams.

Future Medics, Quiz Guest Speaker



Thank you to Jake Brown from Lancaster University Medical School, who visited to talk to our Pathways to Medicine students.

We heard about a typical day in the life of a medical student, the various stages of the application process, as well as the unique advantages of Lancaster Med School. Students were able to ask lots of questions, which was so helpful as they begin the summer term - prior to beginning their own applications.

Excellent support from Lancaster University Medical School.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award explorers share their experiences with local MP

We were pleased to welcome Hyndburn and Haslingden MP Sarah Smith MP back to St Christopher's along with representatives from the The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme earlier in the term.

She met with pupils and students taking part in the Award to hear about the challenges and benefits that the experience has offered them.



Classics students delve deeper into the Hero



In April our Classical Civilisation students were treated to a fascinating lecture by Dr John Taylor from The University of Manchester on 'Aeneas: the hero re-invented?'

The students then had a Q & A testing their knowledge and understanding on a topic found within their OCR World of the Hero exam which our Upper Sixth are taking in a few weeks time.

We are really grateful to The University of Manchester outreach program School of Arts, Languages and Cultures #SALCSchools for bringing this lecture to our Sixth Form.

Extracurricular



Lunchtime Lecture Series

Our Lunchtime Lecture series has seen another busy year with lots of topical subjects from staff across our curriculum.

It was great to have so many of our students attend, as well as Year 11 pupils from main school who wanted to know more about particular subjects.

We are grateful to all the staff and students who have contributed and attended over the series, and look forward to welcoming everyone back for 2025-26 for what promises to be yet another, culturally enriching, intellectually stimulating, and thought provoking series.

Bridge Club

The Bridge Club continues to grow in strength, with our sixth-form players now achieving the English Bridge Union's Bronze standard—a fantastic milestone that reflects their dedication and strategic thinking.



Recently, we faced Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School in a closely contested match, putting in a strong performance before finishing with a respectable 36-46 loss.

Beyond competition, our players are developing their skills through regular lunchtime games, where they refine their tactics and enjoy the challenge of this intellectually stimulating card game. Looking ahead, we are planning a return visit to the local bridge club, giving students the opportunity to play against other beginner players and further enhance their game.

Bridge is not only a test of logic and teamwork but also a brilliant way to develop problem-solving skills and patience. Whether you're an experienced player or a complete beginner, we welcome all members of the school to join us, learn something new, and be part of our growing community of players!



Gold Duke of Edinburgh Success

Miss Sutton and Mr Young were delighted to spend the afternoon in Buckingham Palace gardens last week, celebrating some of our former students being presented with their gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

A lovely afternoon was had by all, enjoying games on the lawn, celebrity speakers and tea and cake, as well as an address from the Duke of Edinburgh.

Work Experience

On Wednesday afternoons our students who are taking the Pre-Professional Law, Medical and Teaching Programmes have the opportunity to complete work experience.

We currently have students working in junior and secondary schools to compliment the teaching programme and others volunteering in care homes, visiting Crown Courts and working in Solicitors offices, doctor surgeries and pharmacies to help with the pre-medics programme and university applications.

To find out more about the programmes please visit: <https://bit.ly/40ZEePt>

Lower Sixth Sports Day Fun!



Our Lower Sixth students enjoyed a brilliant afternoon of fun, laughter, and friendly competition during their Sports Day this week!

The event featured a mix of traditional favourites – including egg and spoon races, wheelbarrow races, and the ever-entertaining three-legged race – along with some new and creative games designed by our PE teachers to keep everyone on their toes!

The afternoon finished in classic style with a Tug-of-War showdown... and yes, the staff joined in! Despite their best efforts, they were knocked out in the first round – much to the students' delight!

It was a fantastic day full of energy and team spirit, with everyone getting involved and making great memories.

NEW Netball Kit



Our Sixth Form netball team are looking fantastic in their brand new uniforms – just in time for the 2025–26 season!

We're incredibly grateful to the Friends of St Christopher's (our brilliant PTA) for helping fund the new kit, and to Northbridge Vending Company for their generous sponsorship of our entry into the North West Colleges Netball League this season (2024-25). Their support has made it possible for our students to compete at this level and represent the school with pride.

With a fresh look and strong backing, we can't wait to see what the team achieves this season!

DoE Gold Award Practice



25 students completed a four day practice expedition in the Langdales in The Lake District for their Gold The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



Day 1 saw them climb Stickle Ghyll and practice micro navigation around Stickle tarn. Day 2 involved some students summiting Bowfell before dropping down into the Langstrath valley for a wild camp. Other groups followed routes up Rossett Ghyll and Stake Pass. Day 3 was navigating between the Langdale Pikes before a final day walking from Chapel Stile down to Coniston, all whilst carrying equipment including tents, clothing, cooking stoves and food.

The challenges presented by the weather conditions and mountainous terrain tested the students to their limits but all completed the expedition in good spirits and can now look ahead to their assessed expedition in Wales in September.

Well done to everyone involved!



Spirituality

It's a Mighty Hike this June



Becky, Daniel, Jason and Isobel from Upper Sixth are undertaking a 'Mighty Hike' this June to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

They will be looking to conquer the Yorkshire Dales and raise a £1000 in the process.

You can sponsor them by clicking the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/isobel-smith-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

Memorial Concert



Over the half-term break we had some stunning singing from this lovely bunch of singers at the Accrington Pals' memorial service.

Always such a lovely and moving service as we remember the Accrington Pals and the 11th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment.

Sixth Form Worship



In February we had one of only two occasions throughout the year when the whole of our sixth form come together in an act of worship.

On this occasion, it was to celebrate Candlemas, the presentation of the baby Jesus at the Temple.

Easter Reflection



Upper and Lower Sixth students took a short time out of their day for a Lent and Easter reflection.

They reflected on the time leading up to and including the Crucifixion and the sacrifice upon the cross by Jesus for us.



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Opening Dates and Times

Date	Time
Saturday 12 th July 2025	1:30pm – 4pm
Saturday 2 nd August 2025	1:30pm – 4pm
Saturday 16 th August 2025	1:30pm – 4pm
Saturday 6 th September 2025	1:30pm – 4pm

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Foundation Pathways

Bikeability Training for all Students

The Pathways students welcomed Go Velo into their classes in February, as they started their four-week cycle training course and basic bike maintenance.

They started with an introduction as to what they could expect over the coming weeks, such as learning how to keep a bike in tip-top shape with some practical skills. Then in the afternoon they got to try out bikes to find the most suitable for them, to give them the confidence to ride on their own.

On the second week of the course they used the knowledge and skills learnt from the first week's 'Bike Maintenance' session to complete safety checks before riding their bikes in the school yard. Whist half of the class were out on their practical session, the other half designed informative posters that explained how to perform 'The M Check' on their bikes.

By the time they started the third week they were all a lot more confident riding their bikes, and over half of the group were ready to ride on the roads. So they began by practising signals and being more aware of what to look out for when on the roads.

The last week of the course saw students practising all that they had learned in the main yard and then taking to the local roads and cycle paths around the Sixth Form, to put all that practice to the test.

The students have been brilliant throughout, learning some important skills along the way. Well done to them all!



Fundraising and Charity



The students have been carrying out an Enterprise project over this term and have managed to make £35, which can go towards one of their upcoming trips.

Jacob H in Upper Sixth won their Valentine's Day hamper much to his delight! He very generously shared some of this with the *Frozen* cast in rehearsal.



Gabriella from Upper Sixth has been raising money for East Lancashire Down's Syndrome Support Group.

Over the last few weeks of March she could be seen selling 'Gingerbread Socks' to students and staff. She managed to sell out and raise a fantastic £32!

Well done, Gabriella.



Harrison L. gave up his lunch break one day in February by cycling five laps (5 miles) around the school perimeter to raise money to support one of the school charities for 2024/25, 'The Cancer Bank', in aid of World Cancer Day!

Well done, Harrison. Fantastic effort!

First Form Inspection Awards

Before half-term, the Foundation Pathways Department had their very first Form Inspection, which was a great success!

The students were over-joyed to show all their hard work over the year to the senior leadership team.

Miss Davies, the Director of St Christopher's Sixth Form, presented those who made it onto the Excellent List with their well-deserved certificates



Students learn more about conservation at Blackpool Zoo

Foundation Pathways went on a trip to Blackpool Zoo to increase their awareness of endangered species on the Earth.

This was with the hope of carrying out money-raising exercises in the future to support the hard work that Blackpool Zoo carry out. As well as to support some of the charities they work in collaboration with.

They had a wonderful time and learnt loads about the animals!

Last Friday's Taster Day was excellent!

The current Year 12's (soon to be Year 13's) and the New Year 12 had the chance to get to know each through various taster sessions including English, Maths and Home Cooking Skills (baking shortbread biscuits).

At the end of the day, numerous students stated that "the best part of the day was making new friends."

We look forward to seeing them all again in September!



Student Success

Aamina A completed her speaking and listening assessment, where she talked for three minutes on the subject of braille. She got the other students to take part in writing their name in braille, which they enjoyed doing.

She showed them her equipment she uses in Pathways, and how braille works. One pupil, Rihanna C told her, "It is really interesting how people communicate, and can learn to communicate with each other."

We are super proud of Lucas, who has massively grown in confidence in accessing the local community. He has attended our Witton Park Trip and fully participated in the National Community Trust (NCS) sessions at Accrington Stanley Community Trust!

Fantastic attitude and effort – Well done Lucas



Foundation Pathways



Getting Ready for Summer

The whole group opened the Sixth Form Roof Garden in March (after three years of it being closed) in preparation for summer.

When finished, it will provide a sensory and tranquil outdoor space for the A-Level and Foundation Pathways students to socialise and enjoy the summer.

Fun in the Sun

The Lower Sixth enjoyed a trip to Witton Park where they spent some quality time getting to know each other outside of the classroom environment.

New friendships were made, and all students and even the staff embraced some new challenges together on a beautiful sunny day.



Ready, Steady, Cook

The students took part in a cooking challenge with Mrs Howson.

The students had to cook a balanced meal (independently) with the given ingredients! The three teams worked together and surprised us by making: a healthy chicken and tomato pasta, homemade pizzas and chicken fajitas!

All students demonstrated great communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills - well done!



Upper Sixth Students Venture out for a week in the Working World

All the students had another fantastic week!

One student asked if he could do a second week there as he had been teaching a small group of Year 5 pupils maths; one has gained a voluntary job at his for one day a week; and one student has secured himself a full-time job for when he leaves in May.

We would like to say a massive thanks to:

- Media Village
- Smyths Toys Superstores, Blackburn
- Hippings Methodist Primary
- St Mary Magdalen's CE Primary, Accrington
- St Christopher's CE High School



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