



College Newsletter

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Welcome to our 2nd Parent and Guardian Newsletter of the term! We are delighted to share with you all the exciting things that have been happening on campus this month.

The Rocky Horror Show 2023



February marked one of the best events we've had in college so far this year: **The Hair & Beauty Rocky Horror Show 2023!** Our fantastic Hair & Beauty students spent all day prepping and pruning their models for their crazy catwalk later that evening.

The show was complete with a panel of industry judges, a prize ceremony with our Principal Michelle and performances by Stanley High School dancers! Congratulations to everyone involved.

A Little Princess Donation

Our Hair and Beauty Students are proud to support The Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer.

This month we were happy to help with yet another donation to the charity when kind hearted student Murphy came in to get her very long hair cut short by hairdressing student Verity! The Little Princess Trust even commented on the donation on social media giving "a huge thank you to our wonderful client for the hair donation and support!" **Well done to both Murphy and Verity on their amazing donation! Murphy - we think the new haircut suits you perfectly!**



Where's Wally World Book Day



World Book Day took college by storm this year with various different activities going on across campus.

For the first time ever, we were delighted to be able to offer digital World Book Day book tokens to any of our students who wanted them.

The English team spread the academic spirit with their blind Date with a Book event that helped introduce students, whatever they study, to books they would've never discovered otherwise! Plus, for a bit of fun, they all dressed up as Where's Wally!

Fairs and Conferences!



This month has seen 3 fantastic conferences and fairs on campus. As Part of National Apprenticeship Week, we had our Apprenticeship Fair, giving students the chance to find about a wide range of apprenticeships from providers including the Royal Navy, Tower Heating, Chapelhouse Motors, Southport Pleasureland and many more.

We also had a brilliant Health & Social Care conference - featuring CPR Training led by Right at Home Sefton and Smart Rethink: lots of guest speakers from right across the health sector, and a range of fantastic specialist hands-on workshop sessions too.

Finally, we had the Volunteers fair! Where lots of different organisations came into college to discuss with students the volunteering options available to them and the benefits these experiences have to their careers. Another fantastic event and all of the volunteers were extremely helpful!

Thank you to everyone who organised and participated in these 3 exciting events.



Mock Interviews for students

Another great event we hosted in the Sports Hall this month was the Mock interview day! For this event we had 16 amazing employers come in to interview just over 200 students to help prepare them for this stage in their professional careers! The event was hugely successful and it was great to see so many students engaging with all the employers that kindly took time to come into college to help us provide the career guidance our students deserve!



New Lego Workshop



In a joint operation between the cocurricular team and the Design Surveying & Planning team this month saw the introduction of a new enrichment club – The Lego Workshop! In the new workshop our T-Level students get the opportunity to recreate famous buildings using Lego, learning about the history of architecture while enjoying downtime. Their amazing creations will be part of a social media competitions to see who can guess the buildings correctly and we look forward to see what they're going to build next!

Trip to Chester Zoo!



Our Travel & Tourism students recently visited Chester Zoo and had a great time learning about the Zoo's customer service and the promotional activities they've introduced to explain their great conservation work.

Trips like this are invaluable, allowing the students to experience first-hand the practical applications of their theoretical college assignments and we're very grateful to the team at Chester Zoo for hosting such an enjoyable and insightful day.

Pleasureland Art Trip

Southport Pleasureland boss Norman Wallis invited some of our Art and Graphic Design students to his amusement park and asked them to get involved in a top-secret project.

Students were shown where all the creativity, planning and manufacturing happens, whilst Norman explained, "There's often a misconception that we only employ ride operators, but there's so much more to us than that. We have employed freelance creative designers for years to keep our park looking new and exciting. I'm sure this project is a great example to students studying art and graphic design, highlighting that there is work right here in Southport in their industry."



Maghull Art Unveiling



As part of the Friends of Maghull and District ecology project our students got involved in a fantastic collaboration to promote & inspire wellbeing, community engagement, and raise awareness of endangered wildlife, plastic recycling, and signpost people to underused natural local resources.

February was the unveiling of the large murals in Maghull's highest footfall area, on Stafford Moreton Way. They were carefully crafted using recycled, plastic bottle tops by both students at Southport College and Maghull High School.

FOMD described their work as being "beyond our wildest expectations". Well done and thank you to everyone involved in the organisation of this wonderful unveiling, on such a beautiful day.

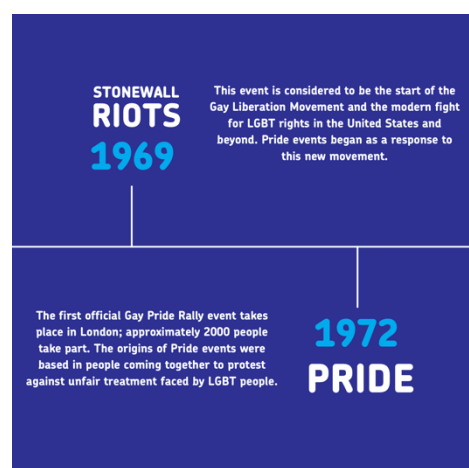
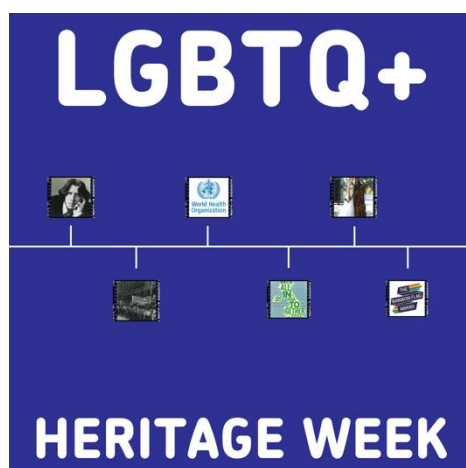


LGBTQ+ Heritage Week

This month we focussed on LGBTQ+ Heritage in college.

Students looked at the developments of the community within the country from 1885 all the way to now!

We also focussed on some of the hidden histories of LGBTQ+ people in the country, to shine a light on lesser-known stories!



Online Safety Week



In February we also celebrated Online Safety Week! A week where we encouraged students to learn about the risks and realities of online safety and how to make sure they're not in danger!

This initiative launched a new safeguarding series on the social media channels to help educate students on the common pitfalls of online safety and we're really happy to be able to reach students both in college and online to spread this information!

Mental Health Awareness

Another awareness week that ran through the month of February was Mental Health Awareness Week!

Throughout this week we provided informational materials to students on what to do if they face issues and who to speak to within college for help with their mental health.

We also took this time to promote the Kooth online service, to help connect our students with a free online tool that is designed to help them manage their mental health.

