

TRUST MATTERS



**EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES TO
POSITIVELY IMPACT THE WORLD**

HI THERE!

Welcome to our summer edition of Trust Matters which I hope you enjoy reading with a sense of pride.

As we reach the end of another incredibly busy and rewarding academic year, we are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our pupils throughout the summer term. From impressive academic progress to remarkable successes in enrichment through sports, arts, and extracurricular activities, this edition highlights the wonderful talent and dedication across our Trust schools.

This term has seen Ofsted visit five of our schools, Birkdale, Maghull, Bedford, Range and Meols Cop, in a short space of time under the new framework. I am incredibly proud of the achievements of all the schools inspected with each of them showcasing their strengths in many areas. Thank you to all pupils and staff who have been interviewed and for completing surveys, the results of which have been amazing. I am particularly pleased at how Ofsted recognised the inclusiveness of our schools and how we care and enrich the lives of all children. Thank you for always going the extra mile to support.

I was privileged to take part in London Marathon weekend this year raising a record £20,000 for Mini Medics Emergency Aid Training for a year group across the Trust in the name of KNOWKNIFECRIME. It was very emotional seeing our children compete in the Junior Marathon as a Trust along with our inspiring staff runners in the London Marathon.

Thank you to everyone who has collaborated as a Trust recently whether through Communities of School Improvement, Senior Leader Meetings, professional development such as Middle Leader Mastery or Trust Reviews. Together we truly do grow stronger and achieve greater equity for our pupils.

A sincere thank you goes to all our pupils, staff, and families, this has been a year in which we have come together as a strong partnership in so many ways. A year in which you have truly lived our Trust vision in 'Empowering our communities to positively impact the world'.

Wishing you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break.

Ian Raikes
CEO





Swish & Stitch

Uniform / Coat Swap
A free community clothes swap



Southport Market

Sunday 9th August 2026 | 10.30am – 2pm



How It Works

1. Drop Off

10.30 – 11.30am

Bring uniform items — as much or as little as you can

2. Stay a While

10 – 12pm

Coffee, breakfast, or a chat with neighbours in the market

3. Browse & take

12 – 2pm

Pick up what your family needs



Any uniforms not taken go to the **Uniform Hub** at the Victoria Centre — supporting families year-round.

Can't make 9 August? The Uniform Hub is open year-round.

Can afford to donate? The Uniform Hub relies on donations from families who can give, to keep providing free uniforms year-round.

Love your clothes for longer.

Every swap keeps clothing out of landfill and gives pre-loved pieces a second life in our community.



Delivered with Southport Market, Enhance Events, and the Uniform Hub (Compassion Acts)
Find out more: [@theearthnetwork/rethinkingclothes](https://theearthnetwork/rethinkingclothes) · [@zerowasteuk](https://zerowasteuk) · [@compassionacts/donate](https://compassionacts/donate)

Free entry | All welcome | Bring a friend

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A NEW TAKE ON OLD ART TECHNIQUES

Year 5 children have recently been studying the age-old coil pot technique to design and build their own pots. The children rolled, knitted and crosshatched their pots to achieve a smooth result. The pots were painted in orange before adding detail in black in the ancient Greek Style.



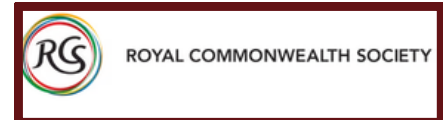
LONDON TRIP FOR DEBATE MATE FINAL

Year 8 and 9 students travelled to London for the prestigious Debate Mate final. The team put on a stellar performance, securing a fantastic 100% win rate in their debates! While we just missed out on a top-five placement, our students celebrated their success with a fun-filled tour of the capital to cap off an unforgettable experience.



QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY CHALLENGE

Year 10 student Kirandeep has entered the prestigious Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition, submitting The Line That Wasn't There, a thoughtful response to this year's themes of Shared Identity, Responsibility, and Common Ground.



CONFERENCES GALORE!

Greenbank High School students embraced exceptional opportunities through visits to CERN and the UN Women Conference. These experiences deepened STEM understanding, broadened global awareness, and inspired confidence, leadership and aspirations, encouraging students to become future innovators, changemakers and responsible global citizens.



STUDENTS RUN MINI MARATHON IN LONDON

This half-term, pupils showed outstanding determination by completing our playground Mini Marathon, while five students proudly represented the school at the London Mini Marathon, raising funds and building friendships across our Trust.



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NEW SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Following a competitive selection process, Birkdale High School is proud to announce its new Senior Student Leadership Team. Congratulations to George, Charlie, James and Sonny on this well-deserved achievement and leadership role.



PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY QUALITY MARK GOLD

Academic excellence is central to their curriculum at Kew Woods and have proudly achieved the Primary Geography Quality Mark Gold, recognising outstanding geography provision. The award reflects their commitment to a rich curriculum that inspires curiosity, deep knowledge and high achievement, helping every pupil develop a love of learning and achieve their best.



YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Year 11 geographers explored coastal landscapes at Spurn Point, Hornsea, Flamborough and Robin Hood's Bay. Students investigated erosion, deposition and coastal defences, while observing spectacular landforms and wildlife, making this unforgettable field trip both educational and enjoyable.



STANLEY STUDENTS SHINE AT SKILLS EVENT

On 20th May, World Bee Day, staff and students wore yellow in memory of Bebe and raised funds for Bebe's Hive. PE challenges and friendship bracelet sales by Year 7 students Evanna, Molly and Layla helped support the charity and strengthen community spirit.



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

We will remove barriers for all of our young people ensuring equity and embedding ambition for all.



PRIDE COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Andrew in Year 7, winner of our Pride Month poster competition. Inspired by Keith Haring, his creative design beautifully reflected inclusion, diversity and our motto: A School Where We All Belong.



CALVERT TRUST RESIDENTIAL

Our pupils proudly represented the school at the Merseyside Special Schools Athletics Day, competing in track and field events. Showing determination, teamwork and sportsmanship, they achieved fantastic success, bringing home an impressive collection of medals.



ENHANCED TRANSITION PROGRAMME

Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed a memorable World's Driest Classroom Expedition to Anglesey and Beaumaris, taking part in hiking, camping and an exciting RIB ride. The trip built confidence, resilience and teamwork while creating lasting memories and strengthening friendships through outdoor adventure.



YEAR 7 BINGO BONANZA

Over 70 Year 7 pupils enjoyed Robbo's Bingo, hosted by Mr Roberts and the Learning Support Team. Packed with games, music, prizes and challenges, the event created a fantastic atmosphere, bringing students together for an afternoon of fun, laughter and memorable experiences.



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MAD FOR MADAGASCAR

Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils performed in Madagascar at the Liverpool Empire before a full audience. After months of rehearsals, they enjoyed an unforgettable experience and exclusive behind-the-scenes theatre tour.



YEAR 8 RESIDENTIAL

Students in Year 8 enjoyed their first residential where they visited Barstondale for three days. Students enjoyed spending time outdoors in the sunshine whilst completing a series of team building activities including rock climbing, archery, fort building, orienteering, and search and rescue tasks.



ANFIELD WE POWER EVENT

A group of Year 9 girls attended Anfield's We Empower event, taking part in coding, boxing and sports psychology workshops. The inspiring day promoted confidence, resilience, teamwork and aspirations for future careers.



INCLUSION IS THE HEART OF KEW WOODS

At Kew Woods, inclusion is central to school life. Our accessible curriculum, inclusive events and diverse experiences ensure every child feels valued, supported and successful.



SING FOR SEFTON WORKSHOPS

Over 100 primary pupils joined Stanley High School for the inspiring Sing for Sefton workshops with Ex Cathedra. Year 9 students played a key leadership role, supporting younger children, promoting inclusion and participation, and helping create a positive, welcoming atmosphere through music, teamwork, confidence and community connection.



REALISING ASPIRATIONS

We are committed to not only raising aspirations for our young people but ensuring that aspirations are realised. Working in partnership with our communities we will ensure students are visionary thinkers, ambitious innovators and pioneers of the future.



PLAYING THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

Bedford Primary proudly hosted the annual Southport Learning Trust rounders competition. Mixed teams from across the Trust showed fantastic teamwork and spirit throughout. Congratulations to Team Five, winners of this year's tournament.



WALLY CAIN SUCCESS

Earlier this term, Year 9 students made history as the first all-male group to perform at the Wally Cain Dance Festival. Their outstanding performance earned huge applause and glowing audience feedback. Well done! The group demonstrated exceptional commitment, teamwork and confidence, representing the school with pride and inspiring others through their achievement.



YOUNG GREEN BRITON CHALLENGE

Year 7 students represented the school at Manchester Metropolitan University in the North West Final of the Young Green Briton Challenge. Competing against 20 schools, they confidently presented an innovative sustainability idea, demonstrating excellent teamwork, creativity and presentation skills. Reaching the final was a fantastic achievement.



UKMT JUNIOR MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

More than 20 Year 7 and 8 students took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. Congratulations to all participants, especially Arabella, who qualified for the Junior Kangaroo round. Good luck!



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Mathematics Trust**



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YEAR 7 DAY TO WORK

Year 7 Day to Work saw over 200 students gain valuable workplace experience across diverse professions. Working alongside industry professionals, students developed employability skills, confidence and ambition while exploring future career pathways and demonstrating outstanding maturity, enthusiasm and professionalism.



PLATINUM SCHOOL GAMES MARK SUCCESS

Kew Woods are proud to hold the Platinum School Games Mark and offer pupils wide-ranging sporting and aspiration opportunities. Through competition, teamwork and their Careers Curriculum, children develop confidence, resilience, workplace skills and high aspirations for the future.



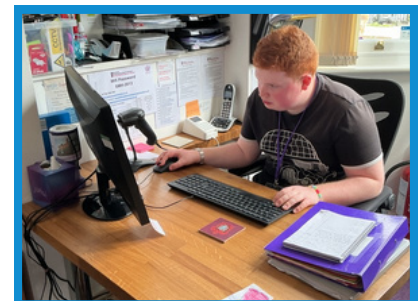
INSPIRING FUTURE STEM TECHNICIANS

Students in Years 7-9 took part in the We Make the Difference STEM programme, exploring technician careers through hands-on activities. Working as veterinary nurses, countryside rangers and bike technicians, they developed practical skills, linked learning to future careers and gained valuable insight into STEM opportunities.



WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS

Our Post-16 students have gained valuable work experience in local cafés, the library and garden centres. Developing independence, confidence and employability skills, they have represented the school with pride, professionalism and enthusiasm.



INTERVIEW WITH PRIDE OF SEFTON WINNER

Liam Howard met with Student Leadership Team to share how he helped save the life of someone experiencing mental health difficulties. Recognised with the Grand Pride of Sefton Award for Courage, Liam is now committed to raising awareness of mental health and supporting others.



INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE

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CRIMINOLOGY INSIGHT!

Year 13 Criminology students gained valuable insight into the prison system during a visit from an experienced prison officer, learning about prison operations, offender management and careers in criminal justice through an engaging Q&A session.



CAPTAIN LOLA TO LEAD HER SWIM TEAM

We are proud to celebrate Y6 student Lola, appointed Club Captain of Crosby S.C. for 12 months. This achievement recognises her dedication, hard work and outstanding leadership in training and competitions.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CELEBRATION

Kew Woods believes in every child's potential. Through Children's University, clubs and enrichment opportunities, pupils develop new skills, broaden horizons and build confidence, ambition and a lifelong love of learning, helping them achieve their aspirations now and in the future. We were delighted to celebrate the graduation of Kew and Bedford students together at Edge Hill University.



CIRCLE TIME TRAINING

Supporting positive relationships and wellbeing remains a key priority. All staff completed Circle Time training, and from September, regular form-time check-ins will help students connect, reflect and engage, fostering belonging, communication and a culture where every student feels heard, valued and supported.



GOING GREEN!

We are proud to have achieved the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction award, recognising our commitment to sustainability. Congratulations to our dedicated Eco Committee, whose hard work and environmental leadership made this possible!



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CAN FOR A CAKE EVENT

Our first Can for a Cake event was a fantastic success, collecting hundreds of food donations for Southport Soup Kitchen. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped support those in need locally.



FANTASTIC SPORTS LEADERS!

Stanley High's Year 8 and 9 Sports Leaders have demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, commitment and maturity throughout the year. By supporting primary school sports events, encouraging younger pupils and promoting inclusion, they have been excellent role models, proudly representing the school while developing leadership, teamwork and community spirit.



WALLY CAIN SUCCESS

Year 10 dancers delivered a powerful performance at the Wally Cain Dance Festival, exploring themes of mortality and transcendence through movement. Inspired by the Paris Catacombs, the piece journeyed from grounded restraint to freedom and liberation, showcasing exceptional creativity, expression and technical skill.



PRIMARY SCHOOL SCIENCE EVENT

We welcomed Year 6 students from two of our MADCOS schools, St George's and St John Bosco to take part in our Science event. Students enjoyed the CSI themed activities including who stole Mr Kay's lunch!



MIDDLE LEADER MASTERY SESSIONS FOR PASTORAL LEADERS

Our pastoral middle leaders have successfully completed the Middle Leader Mastery Programme, hosted across our trust schools. Throughout the programme, staff developed expertise in communication, action planning, team development and sustainable improvement. The programme concluded with a celebration event, recognising participants' hard work, commitment and achievements, and highlighting the positive impact of their leadership across our pastoral provision.

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INTERNSHIP SUCCESS

The Trust successfully delivered the DfE Teaching Internship Programme, providing Maths, Science and Technology graduates with research-informed school experience, expert mentoring and weekly CPD. The programme strengthened teacher recruitment and reinforced our commitment to developing the next generation of teachers.



POSITIVE TEP SURVEY RESULTS



Throughout the year, Southport Learning Trust schools took part in TEP's termly engagement census, gathering feedback from employees and pupils. Engagement remained above national benchmarks, with strong response rates providing valuable insights. Leadership was consistently highlighted as a strength, while wellbeing, workload and pupil confidence showed notable improvements.

Several schools received national recognition for outstanding engagement scores and progress. The surveys enabled leaders to respond quickly to feedback, celebrate successes and strengthen school communities. This sustained approach to listening to staff and pupils continues to support improvement and success across the Trust.

CLASSICS FOR ALL AWARD

We were delighted to be named Trust of the Year by Classics for All, recognising the growth of Latin across our schools. We are grateful to Jo Aughton for her leadership, and we were pleased to join her at the award ceremony at The Law Society on Chancery Lane on 26 June, alongside Megan Reeve, who now leads two GCSE Latin classes at Maghull and is exploring the introduction of A Level Classics.

It was also encouraging to hear Latin highlighted during the Ofsted feedback meeting at Meols Cop. Thank you to everyone who has supported the expansion of Latin across our Trust, helping to widen opportunities for pupils in a subject still predominantly taught in the private sector.



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KNOWKNIFE CRIME RELAY

What a day to remember for the KNOWKNIFE CRIME Relay event—30 miles covered, 10 schools involved, and an unforgettable display of running, cheering, teamwork, and determination! Huge congratulations to every student, staff member, and volunteer who took part.

All funds raised will support the Mini Medics programme, helping provide essential life-saving first aid training in schools. Your efforts will have a real impact—empowering young people with the skills and confidence to save lives.



LONDON MARATHON

In April, students from across the Trust travelled to London to take part in the TCS Mini London Marathon—an exciting event where students ran the final mile of the London Marathon route. Beyond the race, students enjoyed a packed itinerary, including an unforgettable evening at the West End musical The Lion King, and visits to iconic landmarks like the London Eye and Buckingham Palace. They also had the chance to cheer on staff members, who all ran the Marathon, raising money for KNOWKNIFE CRIME Charity. The trip was a brilliant mix of sport, culture, and sightseeing!



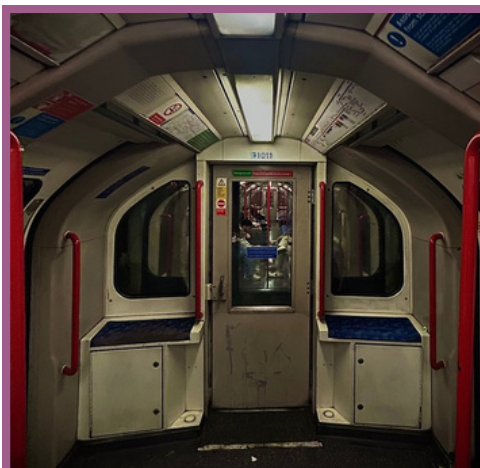
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ART EXHIBITION AT THE ATKINSON THEATRE

Well done to all the students who have recently had their work showcased at the Southport Learning Trust Art Exhibition at The Atkinson in Southport.

Curated by Range High School Creative Curatorial Council, the exhibition highlighted the voices, ideas and creative journeys of our emerging artists - with work that is thoughtful, bold and original. Well done to all involved, with a special shout out to Cara and Aoifa for their beautiful musical performances.



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SOUTHPORT LEARNING TRUST ROUNDELS EVENT FOR YST NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK

Bedford Primary School was proud to host an incredible afternoon of sport, teamwork, and community spirit as part of YST National Sports Week. Students from across Southport Learning Trust came together in mixed-school teams, showing fantastic collaboration, encouragement, and sportsmanship throughout the day. A huge well done to everyone involved—you were brilliant!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Southport Learning Trust hosted its fourth annual Golf Tournament at Southport Old Links. 34 students took part in hot and testing conditions, and every golfer represented their school with pride. Range High secured first place - with individual placings across the schools. Well done to all who took part and making the tournament such a success.



THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

We would like to thank the R&A for giving our pupils an amazing opportunity to attend The Open Championship at Royal Birkdale. Students experienced a VIP Tour which included the Players Pavilion, Media Hall, Practice Grounds, Championship Office and Hospitality. This was part of a Careers In Golf Programme that has been running since May and also included a day hosted by Greenbank High School where different careers presentations were given by staff from the various areas related to the tournament. We are delighted that pupils from three of our schools will be running the iconic leaderboard throughout the tournament.

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