



Ellesmere Park  
High School  
*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*



# Autumn Term Newsletter

7th September to 21st December 2022

## A message from our Headteacher

It has been another excellent term for our Ellesmere children! As always, I feel privileged to be part of a school that has such a fantastic and vibrant student body, and am really proud of everything that our children have achieved.

We have made real progress in our provision for our children this year. There is no doubt that our extra-curricular offer goes from strength to strength. The success of our Sports Teams, the wide variety of clubs, activities and trips available to our children, and the showcase that was the Christmas Concert really demonstrates the breadth of talent and the engagement of the children, which is really inspiring to see.

We have launched our Maximise strategy to help build bridges between school work and home work, and the vast majority of children have really taken to this and are benefiting as a result. We have also reworked our assembly and form time programmes to focus on our core values of Vibrant, Inclusive and Proud, but also to link these to the core British Values of Individual Liberty, Democracy, the Rule of Law, Respect for others and Celebration of our diverse and rich community. Our focus on Reading and developing excellent reading skills in all of our young children is really showing impact now as well, with many students making significant progress in their reading and comprehension ability.

All of these initiatives would mean little if it wasn't for the commitment of our children. Whenever you walk round our school during lessons, you see well behaved, hard working children engaged in their studies. This is something that is regularly commented on by external visitors to our school and something of which all of us can be proud. This dedication always pays dividends for our children's futures: as we saw when we welcomed last year's leavers back to the their certificate evening in December. It was fantastic to see all of those familiar faces back in school again, and hear their stories of how their lives have developed since leaving Ellesmere.

Thank you all sincerely for your support this year, and for trusting us with the education of your children. I hope you have a wonderful festive break, and I look forward to welcoming all our children back in the New Year.

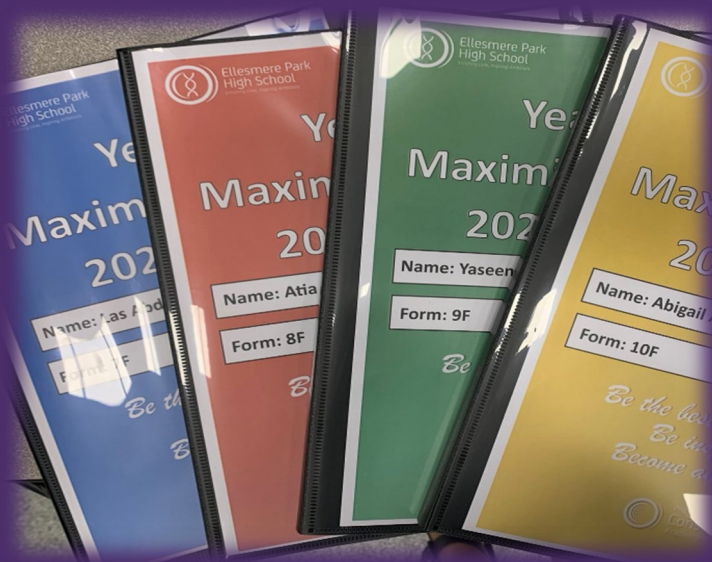
Thank you,

Mr Ross

# Maximise your potential

Be Inspired, Become an Expert!

The launch of our 'Maximise your potential' in September got our students talking about how they can extend learning beyond the classroom including wider reading, listening and watching.



## Our school newspaper

This is our wonderful news team busy editing with Mr Connolly and Mr Ritchie.

Our school newspaper is written and edited by our Year 8 journalists and is a MUST READ!

These students are destined for top quality universities and a bright future ahead of them!

Follow this link to head to our website to view our newspapers.

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Excellent work guys!



# Maximise your potential - Study skills support evening

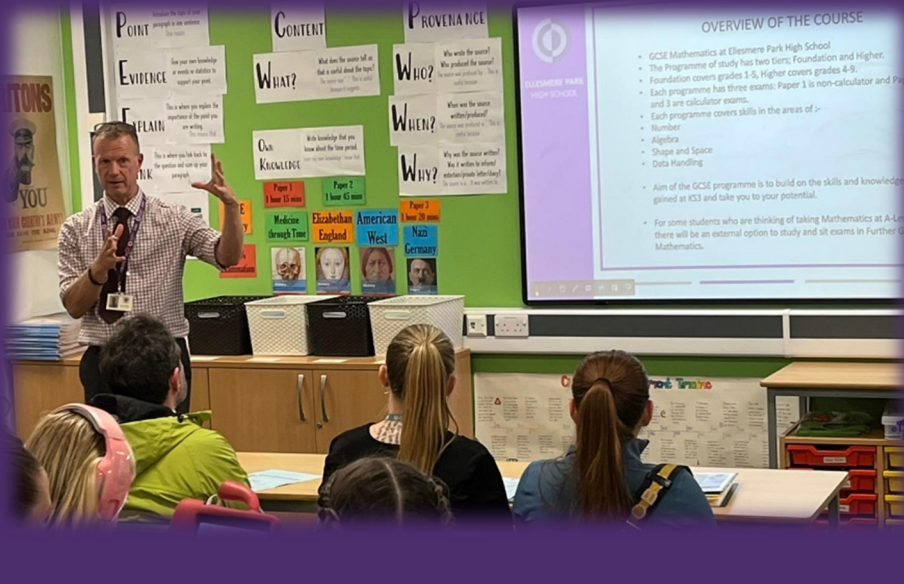
170 people attended our 'Maximise study skills support evening' at the end of September. The event was a huge success with every session packed out. Thank you for the fantastic feedback from our parents and carers.

As many said on the evening: *'We wish we had had this when we were at school'*



## Guided Revision Support Yr11 Class of 2023

The Best You Can Be





# Creativity in our Art department

Creativity and teamwork! Key features in our art department. It's mythical monsters this half term for Yr8 and they are looking pretty good!



Mr Davies taking his form class through our INSPIRE programme, an integral part of our 'Curriculum for life' - key to students' personal and character development.

We encourage students to accomplish outside of the classroom and recognise their achievements.





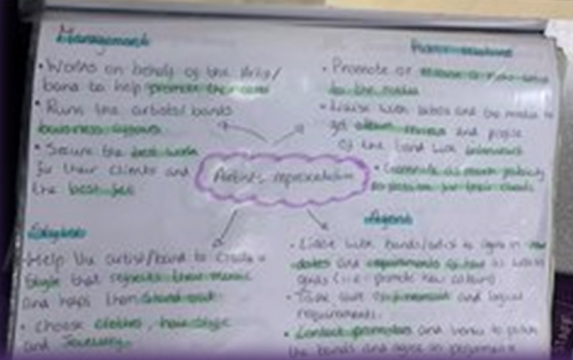
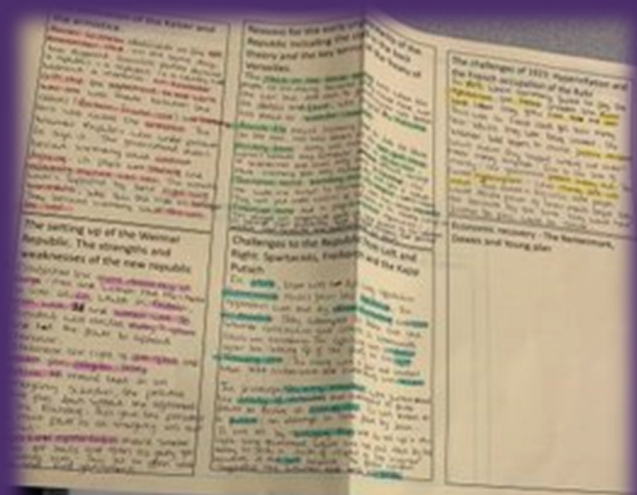
# Year 7 Parents Spanish Evening

Our Spanish teacher, Mrs Lloyd would like to say a HUGE Thank you to all the parents and students who attended October's Spanish event.

It was a lovely evening and there was lots of knowledge shared and gained! THANK YOU!

## Maximise Your Potential Folders

It is fantastic to see our students from year 7 through to year 11 using their 'Maximise your potential' support materials to practise, retrieve and revise in





# Open Evening

On Thursday 13th October we held our annual Open Evening. What a fantastic event it was too! It was extremely busy and was made special by the passion, dedication and spirit of our staff and students. It was lovely to meet the fantastic families who will be part of our future!

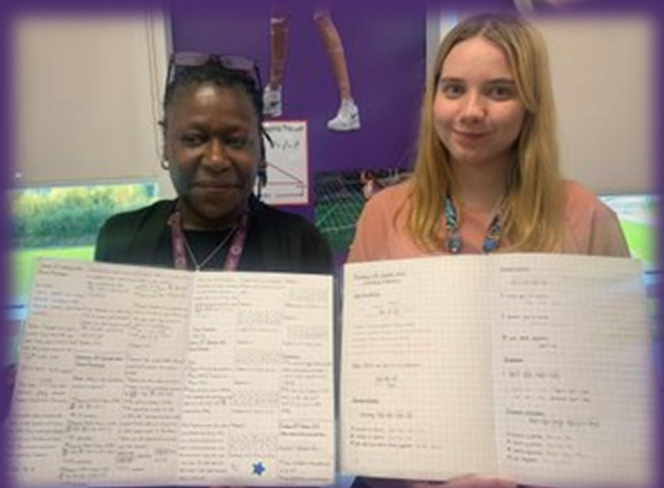




# Open Evening Continued...



Team MFL, Maths, Science, English and Music demonstrating their spirit and curriculum.





# Sports Leaders

Photographed below are our Year 8 sports leaders collecting their badges! Students will now form part of a bespoke leadership programme through the year. Good luck everybody!



Let's also welcome our newly appointed sports captains in Year 7 following their excellent applications.

We can't wait to see the great things you will do.

Photographed here with our own Head of PE, Miss Smalley, absolutely transforming



Below, is our Year 9 competing Netball team. They are doing so well and are setting a brilliant example, coaching and inspiring the younger year groups! Keep up the fantastic work!





# Arcade Club - Extracurricular

Arcade club in full flow here! What's not to love! Even Mr Ross was feeling nostalgic and joined in.



Everyone enjoying a slice of the action with an old retro favourite here!

As you can see - Mr Aspinall is really enjoying himself!

Did you win, Sir?



# More Extracurricular clubs...

This timetable can be found on our website under 'Students / Clubs & Activities' and is regularly updated.

## Extra Curricular Timetable – Ellesmere Park High School 2022 - 2023

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art Photography 8am</li> <li>• (Yr11 practical work)</li> <li>• GCSE Hot chocolate and independent study-Humanities base-KS4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sociology 8am (Yr11 revision)</li> <li>• Art and Photography 8am (Yr11 practical work)</li> <li>• GCSE Hot chocolate and independent study-Humanities base-KS4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish GCSE (Yr11 revision)</li> <li>• Photography 8am (Yr11 practical work)</li> <li>• GCSE Hot chocolate and independent study-Humanities base-KS4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art Photography 8am (Yr11 practical work)</li> <li>• GCSE Hot chocolate and independent study-Humanities base-KS4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music 8am (Yr11 revision and practice)</li> <li>• GCSE Hot chocolate and independent study-Humanities base-KS4</li> </ul>
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE Spanish</li> <li>• Girls Basketball</li> <li>• Library club</li> <li>• Art Photography (Yr11)</li> <li>• GCSE silent study-Humanities base</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y7 Basketball</li> <li>• Library club</li> <li>• GCSE silent study-Humanities base</li> <li>• Art Photography (Yr11)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choir – DMC – Mapas</li> <li>• KS3 Spanish club</li> <li>• Library club</li> <li>• Y8 Basketball</li> <li>• GCSE silent study-Humanities base</li> <li>• Art Photography (Yr11)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y9 Basketball</li> <li>• Library club</li> <li>• GCSE silent study-Humanities base</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Live Lounge-All years</li> <li>• Library club</li> <li>• KS4 Basketball</li> <li>• GCSE silent study-Humanities base</li> </ul>
After School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS3 Band – NMT</li> <li>• KS4 Music – Practice Room</li> <li>• Arcade Club</li> <li>• All years – Rugby</li> <li>• KS4 - Boys football</li> <li>• Homework Club</li> <li>• GCSE Maths (Yr11 Period 6)</li> <li>• Further Maths (Yr 11)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Debate Mate KS3</b></li> <li>• KS3 Design Technology Club-A31</li> <li>• KS3 Band - NMT</li> <li>• KS4 Music – Practice Room</li> <li>• Homework Club</li> <li>• English (Yr11 Period 6)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All years - Netball</li> <li>• KS3 Boys Football</li> <li>• Arcade Club</li> <li>• KS3 IDEAS club-ICT dept</li> <li>• KS3 Art club</li> <li>• Homework Club</li> <li>• History (Yr11 revision)</li> <li>• Geography (Yr11 revision)</li> <li>• BTEC Engineering (Yr11 revision)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS3 philosophy Club-A7</li> <li>• KS4 Music - NMT + DMC</li> <li>• KS3 Drama Club – KB + DMC</li> <li>• All years - Girls Football</li> <li>• Fitness Class – Boxing, Stretch and tone-all years</li> <li>• KS3 School Journalism club</li> <li>• Homework Club</li> <li>• Science (Yr11 Period 6)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homework Club</li> <li>• Business Studies (Yr11 revision)</li> <li>• Computer Science (Yr11 revision)</li> </ul>

Please check with a member of staff before joining to make sure they have space for you.  
Please check with parents and guardians at home and let them know where you will be each night.



## Harvest Collection

Thank you to everybody who added to our Harvest collection.  
Each form time, we collected food and all donations went to Salford Food Bank.

Thank you for your very kind donations!



# Awards week

A reward really does raise spirits! Our 'Rewards week' and 'Year 8 CREDIT' champions collected certificates, new badges, chocolate and a whole bag of confidence!

Well done for reaching the limits of what you can do, for now! Huge thanks to the staff who make these ceremonies happen and to Mr McNamee for adding the music!





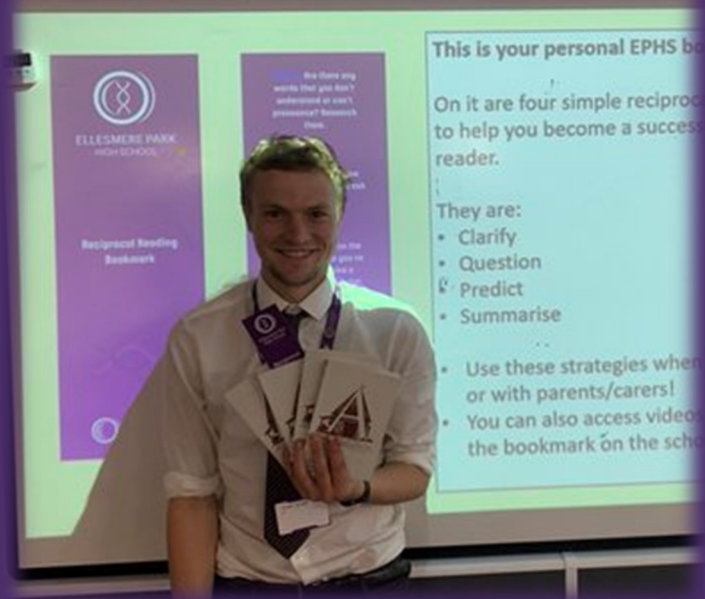
# Accelerated Readers

Celebrating our strategic readers!

Huge thanks to the reading buddy teams.

We hope you enjoyed using your reciprocal reading book marks this term everyone!

[Click here to head to our website to view a video by Mr Connolly offering support with reading.](#)



## Author

Matt Oldfield

drops by...

A brilliant day with Author Matt Oldfield in our classic heroes writing workshops.

This was really engaging.

Our librarian, Mr Campbell has had to buy heaps more of his books as they fly out of the library instantly!





# Performing Arts at its finest!

Every Year 7 Performing Arts group performed in front of the whole year group. They've been building up to this and they certainly didn't shy away!

The respect from their peers in the audience was tangible and special.



## Our very own band 'Bleech' kicks off a trust wide inset day

Staff from our sister schools, Moorside and Buile Hill joined us for a joint inset day. It was a lovely way to meet the other staff and to discuss various teaching and learning topics.

Everybody enjoyed an amazing performance by 'Bleech' our EPHS band!





# Year 7 Parents' Spanish Evening

Our MFL department held a Parents' Spanish Evening in October. It was a fantastic event where lots of Spanish words were learned and shared by all! Thank you to those who came along!





# Consilium Awards Evening

Each year, Consilium Academies hold an awards ceremony, celebrating all of the wonderful students and staff across the trust! Nominations are made by everybody in the school and those with the most votes are invited to attend the ceremony in Leeds.

They are nominated in line with our 6 Consilium values:

Opportunity, Equity, Excellence, Integrity, Partnerships and People Centred.



## Our student nominees were:

Opportunity - Alex S (Y10)

Equity - Aidan S (Y10)

Excellence - Naomi B (Y8)

Integrity - Lucas C (Y11)

Partnerships - Amin M (Y9)

People Centred - Daniela M (Y8)





# Consilium Awards Evening - Continued



Our staff nominees were:

Opportunity - Mr McNamee

Equity - Miss Baqutai

Excellence - Mrs Walker (Nee. Middleton)

Integrity - Mr Campbell

Partnerships - Miss Barratt

People Centred - Mrs St John

...and here's our winners!

Naomi B, Y8 won the Excellence award

Mr McNamee won the Opportunity award

A HUGE congratulations to you both and all of our nominees!



Thank you Consilium for giving students across the North East and West the opportunity to celebrate their achievements.



# Live Lounge in full flow!

Live lounge got into full flow at lunch time in our Auditorium. The atmosphere was amazing! There's always a job for everyone too. Year 7 & 10 providing the music, Year 8 photographing for their newsletter and staff coaching.



The spirit of the children shining though as ever here as they attended Live Lounge in odd socks to support Mental Health awareness.





# Music department trip to Liverpool

50 performing arts students attended an interactive day in Liverpool to explore key events that shaped modern Britain since 1945. They learned how changing attitudes and technological advances were reflected in popular music. A fantastic trip expanding experiences and cultures.



Students learned about the music and fashions that have emerged from music movements and explored the social and political reasons for the rise of famous styles.



# Options evening leads to a fantastic opportunity!



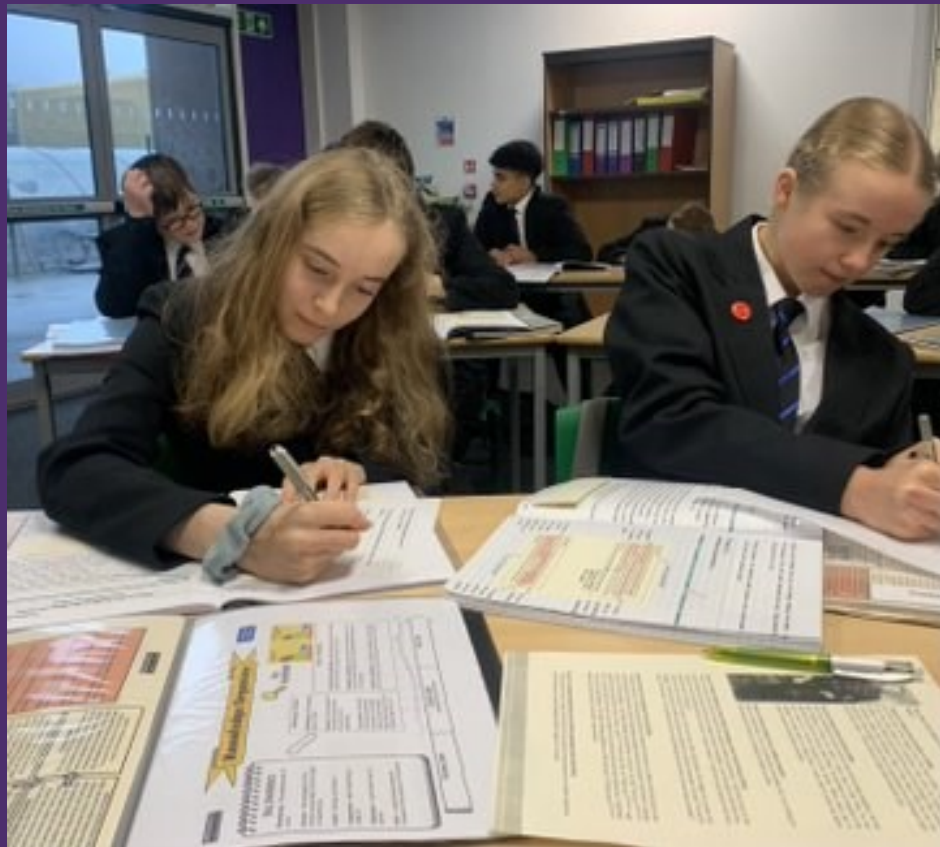
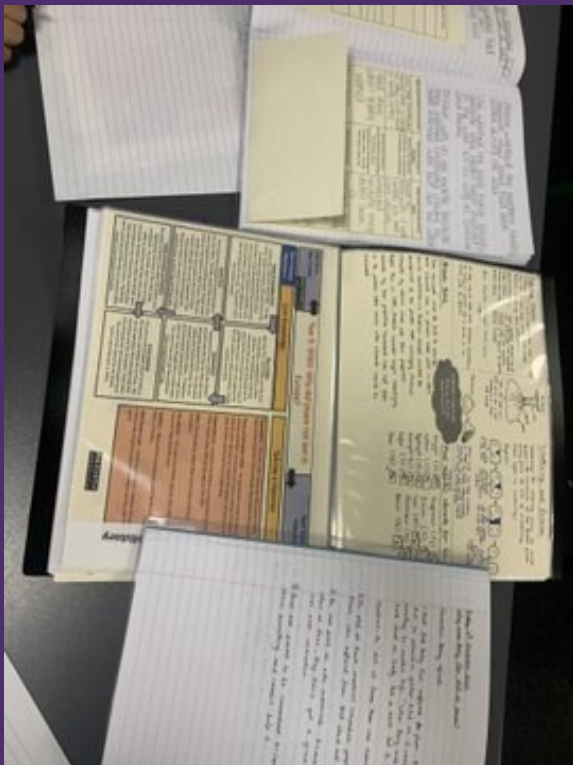
Josh B , Year 10 attended our options evening and was given information about an opportunity at the Lowry Centre in Salford.

As a result he attended extracurricular, out of school classes in stage direction and art.

This is his work on display at the Lowry! Well done Josh!

Amazing achievement!

## History department



Students photographed here in History using their books, maximise sheets, prior knowledge and some healthy competition to design quiz questions for the opposition!

Well done team History!



## Putting Design Technology on the map!

Good teaching just leads to good learning. Mr Stavrinou is so passionate about his subject, he has put Design Technology on the map; creating inquisitive students keen to solve the problems of tomorrow. Great work!



## It's another win for our Netball team!



Being part of a team is just priceless.

HUGE Congratulations to our Netball team for yet another win!



# Identity through a lens!

Students photographed here developing their self portraits, guided by Mr Davies.

We are only 1 term into GCSE. Imagine where you will be this time in Y11! Really proud of you all.





# It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas



Ted G and Alfie B (both Y7) joined Mrs Hilton to decorate our Christmas tree in main Reception.

They had some festive fun and enjoyed the morning!

Thank you guys, It looks great!





## Feeling festive with jumpers and cakes!



This amazing festive cake sale was organised by our students. We raised money for 'Save The Children' by selling cakes and wearing our festive or winter jumpers.

Our amazing staff baked and brought in SO MANY CAKES. A team effort, well done!



We raised £315.76  
Thank you and Well done!





# Art trip to London

A huge thank you to team Art - Mr Davies, Miss Ayre and Miss Barker for the Art/Photography London trip. The wider experiences brought the subject to life. We had lots of compliments on how polite our students were. The students studied lots of different genres from classics to expressionists, modern to post modern and not to mention lots of fun in the capital city!



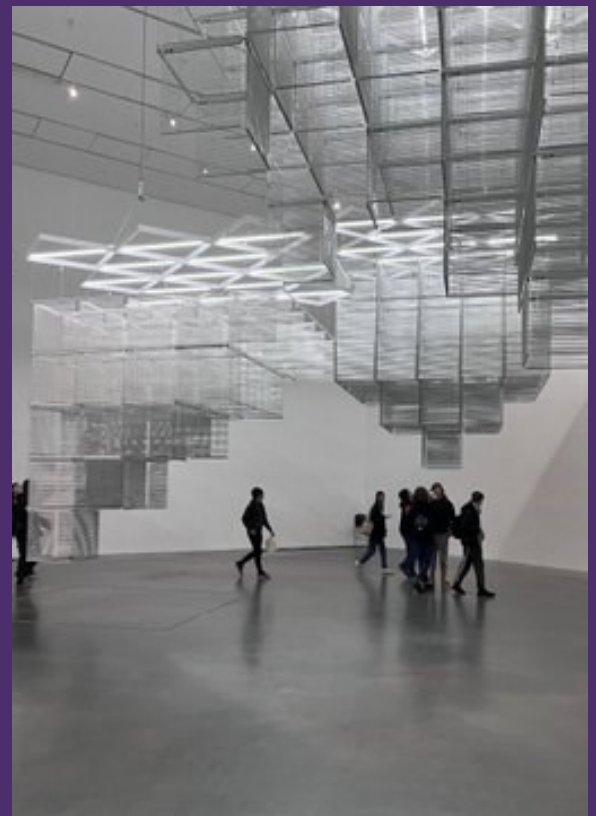


## Art trip to London - Continued





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# Ellesmere Christmas Music Show

252 tickets were sold to our pupils and their families for our Christmas Music Show 2022.

What a fantastic evening we had! The auditorium was filled with happy faces and extremely talented Ellesmere Park High School musicians.

So many positive comments on how electric and entertaining the night was!

Well done to everybody involved. We are super proud of you all!



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# GCSE Certificate Awards Ceremony

A VIP GCSE awards ceremony took place in December to celebrate the results and achievements of our class of 2022 Year 11 leavers. Amazing to see how well they are doing in their Colleges and Apprenticeships. We were really proud to hear how the academic qualifications are leading to first choice A level pathways.

We are very proud of you all!





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## Congratulations Oliver!

One of our Year 11 students, Oliver was awarded

Players Player 2022 & Clubman 2022

He plays for Culcheth Eagles Under 15's Rugby League Club.

Well done Oliver, we are extremely proud of you.

Keep up the great work!



## Congratulations Jayce!



Another one of our fantastic Year 11 students, Jayce was selected to play for England Men's Under 16 Squad in Albir, Spain from Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of you!





## Greater Manchester Community Lettings

GM Community Lettings specialise in bringing communities together offering a varied range of activities run by local people. They hire out our facilities here at the school and have some fantastic classes on offer! From Boxercise, Football and Basketball to a very relaxing 'Sound Journey' with Alchemy Bowls. They are always open to suggestions for class themes.

You can contact them directly - You can find their details on the very eye catching banner they have attached to our school gate.



Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Have a fantastic break!

Recharge those batteries and stay safe!

The next edition will be published on Friday 31st March 2023.



### Our Twitter feed

If you haven't already, head to Twitter.com and follow us at:

<https://twitter.com/EllesmerePark> or @EllesmerePark

We share news and celebrations almost every day and have lots going on!



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