

# TRUST MATTERS



EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES TO  
POSITIVELY IMPACT THE WORLD

# HI THERE!

Welcome to our 5th edition of Trust Matters!

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

This term has been full of exciting opportunities, from enriching projects to collaborative events that have strengthened the bonds between our schools. Our commitment to working closely together continues to grow, creating a vibrant community where every student can thrive.

It is now third year that Southport Learning Trust has proudly supported the incredible work of the KnowKnifeCrime charity. It's been a powerful collaboration across our schools in a shared commitment to raising awareness and creating positive change. A huge congratulations to the dedicated members of staff who ran the London Marathon and to our amazing students who took part in the London Mini Marathon — a fantastic achievement and a true reflection of our Trust's community spirit and determination.

We also want to extend a huge congratulations to everyone involved in the recent Trust behaviour and subject reviews. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, reflecting the hard work and professionalism of our staff. These reviews are vital in helping us refine our practices and ensure the highest standards across all schools.

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

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome Merefield Primary School to our Trust in the autumn term. We look forward to working closely with their staff and students as we continue to grow and develop together.

Wishing you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break — you've earned it!

**Ian Raikes**  
CEO



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## TREE INVESTIGATIONS!

Our classes have been focusing on fieldwork and Year 3 were responsible for conducting investigations into the variety of trees on our school grounds. The children's investigations uncovered several important facts: most importantly that in our school grounds there are ten varieties of trees. The children learned about each tree; how to identify them and the names of each one.

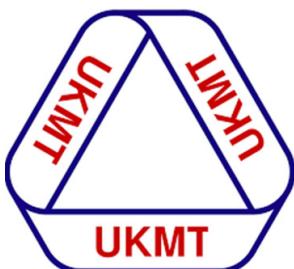


## MAGHULL RECEIVE ARTSMARK AWARD

Maghull High School has proudly received the prestigious Gold Artsmark Award from Arts Council England. This national accolade recognises the school's commitment to embedding arts, culture, and creativity across the curriculum. Through a rich and varied programme in music, drama, dance, and visual arts, students are given opportunities to explore, express, and thrive. The award reflects the school's dedication to raising aspirations, improving outcomes, and transforming lives, ensuring all pupils benefit from a high-quality, inclusive, and inspiring arts education.



**MAGHULL HIGH**  
CREATIVE & EXPRESSIVE ARTS



## UKMT JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

The UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge took place at the start of this half term, over 20 students from across Years 7 and 8 entered the UK-wide competition. The students sat a 60-minute, multiple-choice paper containing problems which are designed to make students think whilst also encouraging mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency.



## CERN TRIP

Year 10 scientists had the incredible opportunity to visit CERN, the world-renowned centre for particle physics. The trip offered a fascinating glimpse into cutting-edge scientific research and included visits to the United Nations and a women's conference, broadening students' global awareness and inspiring future aspirations in science and beyond.



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## UK MATHS TRUST

The UKMT runs a series of mathematical challenges, motivated by the importance of mathematics in the modern world, to encourage children's interest in mathematics and develop their skills.

Four Birkdale students achieved gold awards in the intermediate level challenge and three students took part in the Pink Kangaroo challenge.



## CELEBRATING LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Eighty-five Year 2 and Year 6 pupils attended a special graduation at Edge Hill University, celebrating their dedication to extra-curricular activities. It was a memorable event recognising their commitment to learning beyond the classroom. We're incredibly proud of their achievements – well done to all involved!



## LOCAL HISTORY WALKING TOUR

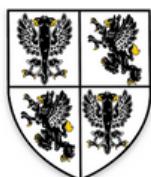
The Meols Cop Scholars had a fantastic day out on their local history walk, exploring key landmarks and learning how Southport has changed and developed over the years—from its early beginnings to the vibrant town we know today. Students showed great interest and enthusiasm, asking insightful questions throughout. The walk was a brilliant way to bring history to life and celebrate a year of dedication and hard work. We ended the day with well-earned ice cream by the beach!



## AUTHOR VISIT

Year 7 met award-winning author Mitch Johnson, whose book Kick they had studied.

His visit explored creative writing, ambition, and global themes. Students enjoyed an inspiring assembly and workshop, sparking enthusiasm for storytelling. Many now attend creative writing club, aiming to become published writers themselves.



# INVESTING IN OUR PEOPLE

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## FOREST SCHOOL RETURNS

Children and staff at Bedford have enjoyed the return of Forest School sessions, exploring nature through den building, cooking, and treasure hunts. Highlights included 'Bedfest' with s'mores, singing, and dancing. Excitement is growing as we prepare to welcome bees and learn about honey, lip balm, and candle making!



## STUDENTS LEAD THE WAY IN COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



Over 100 pupils from local schools took part in a community litter pick on 3rd July, organised by MADCOS Student Councils. In response to anti-social behaviour, students cleaned areas around the Leeds-Liverpool Canal and Maghull Cricket Club, proudly leaving a positive "Social Signature" and earning praise from local councillors.



## MAGDALEN COLLEGE TRIP



I once thought Cambridge was only for the exceptional—but visiting changed that. Hearing from inspiring professors and engaging in meaningful conversations, I realised it's about passion, curiosity, and a drive to grow. The experience helped me see Cambridge not as unreachable, but as a place for those willing to become better.

*Ronald - Range High Student*



## CULTURAL EXCHANGE



Forty students from Years 9 and 10 went on a cultural exchange visit to the historic city of Avila, in central Spain. For five days they were immersed in Spanish life - staying with local families, interacting with their peers, practising Spanish in daily lessons, and visiting Madrid for a variety of cultural experiences.

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## GREENBANK LAUNCH NEW LISTENING PROJECT

Greenbank have launched a Listening Project with staff and students to align with the school's vision and values. By creating space for open dialogue, they are ensuring that every voice is heard and that the shared direction reflects the aspirations and experiences of our whole school community.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO STAFF NETBALL TEAM

A huge well done to our amazing staff netball team, who triumphed at the Sefton Active Netball Tournament—winning the championship for the second year in a row!

They delivered a flawless performance, winning all seven games they played. In even more fantastic news, Kew Woods staff received national recognition with a Pearson Certificate of Excellence – Primary School category.



## CHAMPIONING INCLUSION THROUGH SPORT

Stanley High School is proud to champion inclusive sports, delivering inter-school events that

Inspire and unite students across the Trust. In partnership with the School Games Organiser, activities included a KS3 Football Tournament at Liverpool Academy, Ten Pin Bowling, a SEND Multi Skills Festival, and an Inclusive Dodgeball Competition. These events promoted teamwork, confidence, and belonging, encouraging active lifestyles while strengthening community ties.



## DEFIB TRAINING

As part of our Values Day, Year 8 students took part in essential defibrillator training, gaining vital life-saving skills and learning

how to respond with confidence, compassion, and courage in an emergency. Guided by expert instructors, they practised real-life scenarios, stepping up with maturity and a strong sense of responsibility.



# INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

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## BOCCIA COMPETITION

The competitive spirit was alive and well when a group of children from Year 4, 5 and 6 visited Merefield for a Boccia competition. The children excelled themselves as part of Team Bedford and also as individuals in the one-to-one competitions. Boccia is a popular game during breaktimes at Bedford Primary and obviously the practising has made for perfect pitch skills for the boccia players!



## SHE INSPIRES SUCCESS

This support was introduced towards the end of the year as a way of supporting young girls and promoting positive choices for them to develop through sport.



Maghull High School have been extremely fortunate to continue their partnership with Everton In The Community this year and 161 students have benefited from a wide range of programmes offered. Following the success of the She Inspires programme, four students have been selected to represent England in the Street Kid World Cup, held in Miami in 2026. We are grateful for Everton In The Community giving our students the opportunity.

## NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

During Neurodiversity Celebration Week, Range High School proudly celebrated the strengths of neurodivergent individuals. Staff wore Mr. Men shirts, neurodiversity hoodies, and rainbow lanyards to show visible support. The week promoted awareness, challenged stereotypes, and highlighted the importance of creating an inclusive environment where everyone is valued, empowered, and able to thrive.



## A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS

The show was "a really uplifting evening" and a showcase for all the talented actors, singers, musicians and tech crew at Birkdale High School, who performed numbers and extracts from some of the biggest hit shows and musicals.

Two of the students also took part in the recent, prestigious, final of "Performing Shakespeare" at the Globe Theatre.



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## SPORTS LEADERS HELP AT MEREFIELD PRIMARY

Year 9 Sports Leaders made a meaningful impact while supporting Merefild School's recent event. The Headteacher shared heartfelt thanks:

*"I want to say a huge thank you to your girls for their help today. They were absolutely brilliant and we really couldn't have done the day without them.*

*Such lovely girls, polite and eager to help in any way they could. It wasn't an easy task at all, but they took everything in their stride. We are so grateful to them. "*



## KS2 DANCE SHOW

Key Stage 2 took to the stage to dazzle their school, friends, and families with an unforgettable display of dancing talent. This year's theme was Icons, and the performances truly lived up to the name. The audience was captivated by the fabulous, professional-quality routines, and the talented soloists wowed everyone with their incredible skills.



## LATIN TRIP TO ROME

Thanks to the Latin Excellence Programme, our Latin students enjoyed a fantastic few days in Rome, bringing their classroom learning to life.

They explored iconic landmarks they've studied, deepening their understanding of Roman culture and history. Highlights included a hop-on, hop-off city tour, visits to the Vatican Museums, the breathtaking Sistine Chapel, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, and much more.



## SUMMER SHOWCASE - A TRUE CELEBRATION

The Stanley Summer Showcase celebrated inclusive education, with students of all ages and abilities contributing onstage and behind the scenes. From

writing to performance and design, every role was valued. Highlights included a special community performance for the Brain Trust Charity—a true showcase of creativity, collaboration, and student voice.



# REALISING ASPIRATIONS

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## STUDENTS VISIT EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY

Year 4 children took a trip to Edge Hill University as part of our work on raising aspirations programme. The visit focused on growth sectors including digital creation; animation and film. The children had a tour of the film and music studios, including working the cameras; exploring camera angles and working out what worked to achieve the best shot. Also included was a talk on animation and the students made their own characters for use in an animated film.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD

Sixteen Year 10 students, after 3 days walking and 2 nights camping around the Forest of Bowland, passed their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition section. Well done to all involved!



## STUDENTS CROWNED NATIONAL DEBATING CHAMPIONS

Maghull High School's Year 10 Debate Mate team were crowned national champions at the Urban Debate League Grand Final in London. After a strong season placing them in the top 16, they won all rounds, including the final motion: Reaching the final, they debated "*This House believes that Corporates should prioritise social impact over profit*" and were crowned national champions, bringing home the trophy!



## STUDENTS WORK PUBLISHED IN PRESTIGIOUS FRIGHT CLUB ANTHOLOGY



Five talented Year 9 students—Hannah, Thomas, Magdalena, Adam, and Ella—have had their stories selected for publication in Fright Club, a national Young Writers anthology. Chosen from hundreds of

entries, their success celebrates creativity, imagination, and Range High School's thriving writing culture. A fantastic achievement—congratulations to all!



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## YEAR 5 TASTER DAYS

We were delighted to welcome over 500 Year 5 pupils from local primary schools to our taster days. These immersive experiences gave young learners a full taste of our curriculum, helping them to envision their future at our school and sparking excitement for the next stage of their educational journey.



## YEAR 4 & 5 CAREERS AND ASPIRATIONS FAIR

Year 4 and 5 pupils had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a Careers and Aspirations Fair. They met professionals from a wide range of industries, asked thoughtful questions, and explored the many paths their futures could take. The event was a huge success, leaving pupils inspired, curious, and excited about the world of work.



## STUDENTS FILMED FOR BBC ONE SHOW

We're incredibly proud of our Year 10 students, who were recently filmed by the BBC One Show as part of a new government Work Experience pilot.



They embraced the opportunity with a true "Brokering Aspirations" spirit. Huge thanks to all our partners for helping students explore their passions and career pathways, exploring their passions and how they link to the world of work.



## ECO COUNCIL STUDENT MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Stanley's Eco Council attended Greenbank's Green Future Visionaries conference, gaining inspiration and ideas for a greener school. Adia launched a recycling poster campaign and is helping plan litter repurposing projects. We're proud of her initiative and the council's growing passion for environmental change.



# TOGETHER STRONGER

*Celebrating Collaborative Excellence: Schools United in Southport Learning Trust for Brighter Futures. Empowering Education Through Unity and Shared Vision, Strengthening Bonds and Enhancing Learning.*



## MAGIC OF MERSEYSIDE DANCE SHOW

Pupils from the three Trust primary schools who participated in after-school dance clubs had a wonderful opportunity to come together and perform at Edge Hill University in 'The Magic of Merseyside'. This exciting event was a fantastic celebration of their hard work, creativity, and talent.

It also provided a valuable chance for collaboration across our schools, highlighting the strong sense of community and the impressive abilities of our young dancers. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part!



## KIRSTY DOYLE FASHION EVENT

Fashion design icon Kirsty Doyle launched the first of many exciting workshops, uniting creative minds from Greenbank and Meols Cop High School and Year 5 students from Kew Woods Primary School. The day began with an inspiring panel of female leaders in design, followed by brainstorming workshops. Students also visited the Wayfarers Arcade to explore stunning designs using sustainable materials. It all leads to an Earth Day fashion show in April 2026!



## KNOWKNIFECRIME RELAY

What a day to remember for the third KNOWKNIFECRIME 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.



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## 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 Back to the Future, and visits to iconic landmarks like the London Eye and Buckingham Palace. They also had the chance to cheer on 5 staff members, who all ran the Marathon, raising money for KNOWKNIFECRIME Charity. The trip was a brilliant mix of sport, culture, and sightseeing!



## SOUTHPORT LEARNING TRUST ROUNDERS EVENT FOR YST NATIONAL SPORTS WEEK

Maghull High 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. Events like this highlight the power of sport to unite, inspire, and build lasting friendships beyond school walls. A huge well done to everyone involved—you were brilliant!



## GOLF TOURNAMENT

On 25th June, Southport Learning Trust hosted its third annual Golf Tournament. The competition was fierce, with all schools battling for the top spot. Birkdale delivered an outstanding performance, achieving a clean sweep of the titles—congratulations to all players for a brilliant day of sport and friendly rivalry!



## SOCIAL SIGNATURE CELEBRATION FOR STUDENT COUNCILS

Student Leaders from our trust schools recently took part in a celebration event at Stanley High School, honouring the outstanding achievements of student councils from schools across Southport. During the event, our leaders engaged with the Mayor of Southport, members of Sefton Council, as well as fellow students and staff. We are immensely proud of the remarkable accomplishments our Student Leaders have made this year and eagerly anticipate the great things they will accomplish in the year ahead!





Are you struggling emotionally or need someone to talk to?

Want to find local services that can help?

# Southport Together

## Community Support Service

An outreach initiative and free drop-in support for local residents who have been affected by the events of Summer 2024 in Southport.

**Connecting you to the help you need**



Our aim is simple:  
to **listen, support, and connect you** with the help you need.

Our drop in sessions, located in community venues across Southport, are open to all residents. Visit our website to view our timetable.

### What We Offer:

- Heart icon Signposting to local mental health services and emotional support
- Heart icon Info on community groups and help available
- Heart icon Friendly, confidential conversations

### Who we can help:

- Heart icon Adults, families, parents, grandparents, carers
- Heart icon Children and young people
- Heart icon Residents, business owners, volunteers

### Contact us:

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