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Dear Parent/ Guardian

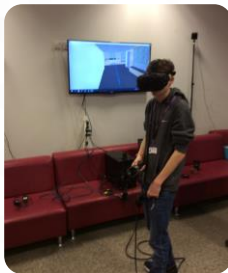
This week's newsletter is an opportunity for me to share with you some of the exciting work going on to make sure our students have the very best environment possible in which to learn and develop. We have an ambitious and transformational site development programme that our governors have supported generously.

It is now over five years since the Sixth Form block opened and, although a major step forward at the time, there is now a need to rethink how we utilise the space available to us. We have been working with a team of architects with specialist expertise in the design and remodelling in higher education and the business sector.

The plans we have will create a more modern, university-type feel and focus on three key areas. We intend to turn the downstairs entrance area to the Sixth Form College, including the cafe area, into a space for relaxing and socialising. An improved range of food and drinks will be complemented by self-service areas and two till-points that should speed things up considerably.

The current common room will be transformed into a series of different spaces that allow students to work on their own, in pairs or in small groups. There will be charging points for laptops and mobile devices throughout all sections and Wi-Fi of sufficient bandwidth to meet everyone's needs.

The third area, and probably the most ambitious is taking the conversion of two large classrooms into very different teaching areas, much more in line with those found in modern universities. There will be Lecture style areas combined with discreet breakout areas and open plan areas.



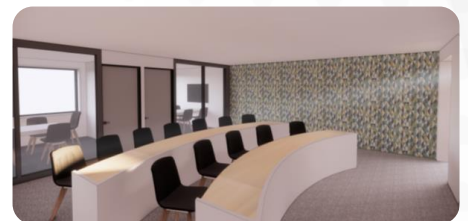
We have been consulting with students as the plans have been developing and last week, we held a very successful session using virtual reality technology to give a selection of students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 the opportunity to really experience what the new Sixth Form will look and feel like.



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We hope to start the work at Easter and have project should be completed by the last week of August ready for the start of the new term at a cost of circa £250,000.

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Alex Rodda

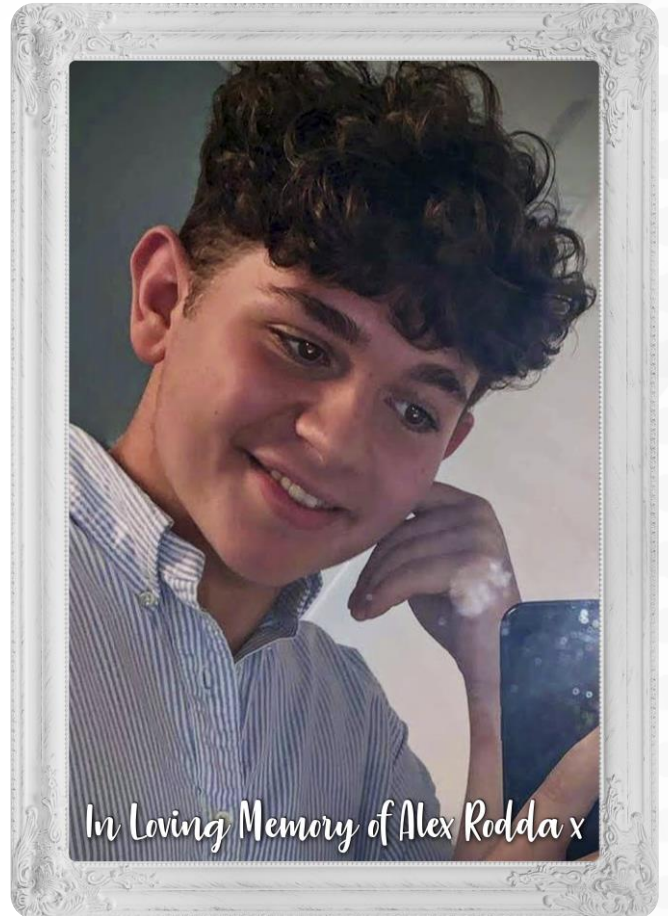
Alex Rodda's Funeral was held on Wednesday at Audlem St James Church, which was full to overflowing with friends and relatives both celebrating the time that Alex spent with us, while at the same time grieving his tragic and untimely demise.

Saying goodbye to Alex was very difficult for everyone. We know how much he was loved by so many people and how popular Alex was within his family and friendship group.

It is with great pride that I reflect on the contribution that our students made to the ceremony, making it a very special event. Thank you, everyone, for attending the service, for the lovely words read by Alex's friends, and for the wonderful way that our school community was represented. I know that Alex's mum, dad and brothers, felt that the service couldn't have been better.

Alex was a young man that we all knew well. He was always a larger than life character, an energetic and engaging student who loved life. Alex wore his heart on his sleeve as the saying goes, an open book to those who knew him well. The school community will miss him greatly.

We intend to create a feature in our 'Garden of Memories' in memory of Alex. This is an area where people can reflect and think. It is an area open to our whole community.



Richard Aston - Parent Governor

I have recently moved into the area from Nantwich with my wife, son and daughter. My son, Will, has just started year 7 at HCCS so I am planning on being a member of the school for many years to come.

I am an IT Director and have been working in large businesses and corporates for many years, across the UK and Europe, delivering and consulting on large technology estates and applying innovation into the ways companies do business

As a new Parent Governor, and as a new resident to the Holmes Chapel area, I have a lot to learn about the role and the school. I am excited to have the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the pupils, the school and to the parents/community and use some of my years of experience to help it grow and develop for the future.



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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARENT GOVERNOR?

We are looking for anyone with parental responsibility for a child at this school to join our governing body.

Your input on areas such as finance, behaviour & wellbeing, teaching & learning and site development will help to influence and improve school performance.

No previous experience is needed as free training is available to develop skills and provide support.

Interested? Please click [here](#) or check out the Governor pages on our website.

Please contact Pauline Challinor, Clerk to the Board of Governors on 01477 410500 for further information.

Deadline for nominations is Thursday 13th February 2020 at 12 noon.



Noah's Artwork

Many thanks to Noah Barlow for allowing us to display his wonderful photographic artwork in the Learning Support facility for everyone to enjoy.

Young Voices

It's been a very busy month for our Young Voices choir. First, taking part in the huge Young Voices concert at Birmingham Arena - with over 1000 students singing and dancing together.

And secondly, hosting another Singfest workshop with the Love Music Trust and Chelford Primary School in preparation for a concert with local primary and secondary schools in March.

Well done to all of the students who took part in these events. Thank you for your commitment and enthusiasm.

Young Voices always welcomes new members - we rehearse every Monday lunchtime in Music 1.



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Exciting Creative Career Opportunities

We are delighted to announce that the 'BBC Bitesize on the road Tour 2020' will be visiting the school on Friday 14th February. The aim is to inspire young people and introduce them to careers in the creative industries.

The sessions will be delivered by a range of professionals from TV, Radio, Journalism, Gaming, Music etc. Each session will be hosted by a Radio 1/Capital FM presenter.

We are very fortunate to be able to host this event which promises to be a fantastic insight into opportunities in a popular and growing industry



SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Book Fair Review

The book fair has been in school over the past week and has been well received by students.

Stocked with many popular and new titles from leading authors which were snapped up by many of our students.

The many purchases that students made have enabled us to select 25 of the top sellers to put on the library shelves for everyone to benefit from.

A huge thank you to all parents and students who supported the book fair this year



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Girls Active

The first clubs were up and running last week from our Girls Active squad. Students turned up to participate in lots of fun activities, including Dodgeball and our 'Just Dance Club'. We had girls join in the activities from a range of year groups, which was fantastic to see. Our Year 10 leaders Harlie and Issy showed their commitment and dedication to ensure students joined in to have fun and be active. They have already made a fantastic impression on the students involved, who are so excited to come back for more next week.



Come and join in our 'Girls Active' clubs at Lunch time and after school, please check the notice-board for details. Here are a few quotes from some of our girls involved in the role of GIRLS ACTIVE to increase girls participation levels.

Quotes from some of our Students

I wanted to be part of girls active because I loved the idea of girls coming together and getting more active. I also liked the idea of running a club with my friends encouraging girls to have fun whilst also enjoying being active as a school!

-Ruby Knowles Year 8



I wanted to be a part of girls active because I think it would benefit me with key skills in pe and future opportunities. Girls active is also a great opportunity to have fun with my friends whilst also keeping fit and healthy. **Amelia Thomas Year 8**

I would like to be in the Girls Active team because then I will be able to be more active in school - **Harlie Kelly Year 10**



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The Vitality Netball Nations Cup

What an absolutely fantastic trip to the Netball Nations cup. The students were so excited as we set off for our journey to Birmingham Arena. As we arrived we were greeted by England representatives and given an array of gifts from a netball bag to our backstage passes.

As the day's activities started the girls experienced 4 planned workshops. They rotated around having a tour, A skills session in shooting, an umpire course led by an international official and finally a Q and A with 2 England Roses player. What a fun-filled day, They had the best time asking some amazing questions to the players and being backstage seeing the England dressing room.



After an amazing school's experience we were all set for an evening of international netball. The entire stadium was filled with supporters from Jamaica, New Zealand, South Africa and of course England fans.

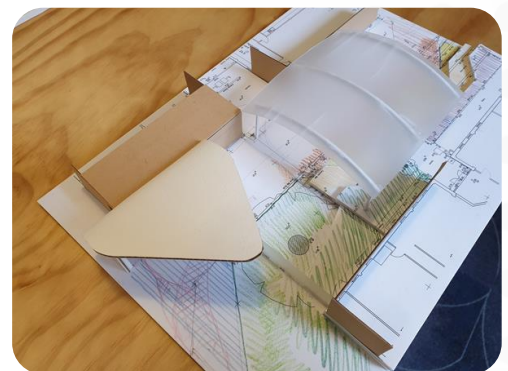
We watched some outstanding netball but it was the England game where the girls came alive, cheering for our home team. We also had Emma Cooper gain the special gift as she caught a T-Shirt during half time.

It was a very close game with England losing going into Half-time, but with the support of the crowd, they were able to gain a lead with the final score 58 - 53 to the England Roses.

All in all, the girls had such a fantastic experience and one that they will remember forever. The girls all day were amazing ambassadors for Holmes Chapel, I could not be more proud of them. Such a great day and we got to see England win, which was a bonus. Well done to all involved and a special thank you to Mrs Royle and Jessica Billingham. **Mrs Mee**

COMING SOON

In the next newsletter We will be announcing plans for the redevelopment of the front of school. Plans are progressing quickly and build on the work we carried out last summer to the back of the school. More information and design pictures to follow



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Record of communications that have been sent out

Year Group	Format of Comms	from	details	date
10	E-mail Letter	C Blench	• YR10 Parents' Evening Letter	16/01/20
11	e-mail	Ms Davis	• Year 11 Food Studies letter	22/01/2020
11/12	e-mail	Ms Davis	• Food Studies	27/01/2020
9 Girls	e-mail	H.Cliff	• HPV Booster vaccinations	30/01/2020
8	e-mail	H.Cliff	• HPV Vaccinations	29/01/2020
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