

# the CANSFIELD UPDATE

Summer Term Edition 2025

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## Headteacher's UPDATE



**Welcome to the Summer Term edition of the Cansfield Newsletter! I seem to start every newsletter by expressing my pride at being Headteacher of this wonderful school and this newsletter is no different.**

At the end of every term, I sit back and reflect on how much our students have achieved both in and out of the classroom and am amazed by how much they have managed to pack in. You will see just a very small example here as there's so much to celebrate.

Extra-curricular highlights for me this term include the school musical performance, High School Musical which was a massive success. Huge thanks to the staff and students whose countless hours of rehearsal and commitment made it possible - and to everyone who came to support. I've been singing 'We're All in This Together' ever since. This was quickly followed by the whole-school darts tournament final where over 300 students gathered in the theatre to watch Joe take the crown. The competitors' walk on songs were a definite hit.

Students have done their bit for charities this term. We celebrated Comic Relief with fun events to raise funds. Activities included a bake sale, 'Beat the Goalie', and the ever-popular 'Sponge the Teacher' - where many students took great delight in soaking Mr. Swain! In total, we raised an impressive £674. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Our annual Staff vs Students football showdown took place on the Friday before we broke up for Easter. This was a tensely contested title as it was one match each. The students came out on top and were very gracious in their win (we won't mention the own goal from Mr. Mugan.) Continuing with sport, our athletes have done us proud. I'd like to thank every student who represented Cansfield with determination and sportsmanship. A special congratulations to our New Age Kurling team who brought home gold medals and a new trophy for our display cabinet.

To ensure student perspectives remain central to school improvement, we hosted a Student Conference this term. Topics discussed included curriculum, enrichment opportunities, and uniform. The feedback will be invaluable as we plan for September.

A variety of guest speakers have visited school last term, including careers professionals and former students who shared their journeys and insights. These sessions provided great inspiration for our students, as they begin to consider their own pathways for life after Cansfield.

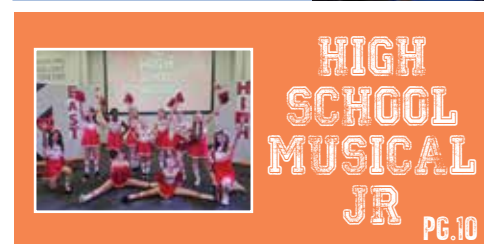
There are not enough pages here to celebrate the academic achievements of our students, but I am privileged to be a part of their curriculum journey when I visit classrooms to see their engagement and learning. Year 11 students have been working incredibly hard as they prepare for their final exams, which have begun with Art and Photography. Attendance at revision sessions after school, on weekends, and throughout the holidays has been exceptionally high. I would like to wish them all the very best of luck. We are all here to support you.

Every week I do a broadcast to the whole school celebrating the achievements of the week. As part of this, I give the Headteacher's Award which staff nominate students for. It is a sign of the nature of our students that I regularly get over 40 nominations per week for students who consistently demonstrate our Cansfield values, maybe showing an act of kindness in the community or an achievement in class.

As always, I want to express my gratitude to all staff who make everything we do at school possible by going over and above for our students. Additionally, I would like to thank our families for their continued support and - last but certainly not least - thank you to students who make Cansfield such a great place to be.

**Thank you for reading our Cansfield newsletter.**

## WHAT'S INSIDE



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# CREATIVES



## YEAR 10 GCSE ART

Our Year 10 GCSE Art students have been creating fantastic research pages exploring Alberto Giacometti's surrealist, abstract style.



They've also studied Max Gasparini's portraiture on cardboard, experimenting with bold textures and a striking blue background.

#StudentArt #ValentinesDay #CreativeMinds

## DESIGN TECH CLUB

Our DT club is diving into designing CAD files for our maze runner project. We're gearing up to bring our creation to life with the 3D printers. It's going to be epic. Our DT club is diving into designing CAD files for our maze runner project. We're gearing up to bring our creation to life with the 3D printers. It's going to be epic.



## YEAR 9 ART



Our talented 9F Art students have created Jim Dine-inspired hearts for Valentine's Day!



Meanwhile, 9A have been exploring symbols and signs in digital art, inspired by Henry Dreyfuss.

## GAMES DESIGNERS



Our Year 7 pupil have been exploring what makes a great game. They have been designing sprite characters and bringing them to life with motion in a programme called 'Scratch'.



Do we have some future game designers in the making?

## MEETING SHAKESPEARE



Year 7 explored the life and works of William Shakespeare in English lessons. They completed fact-finding sheets, then shared and compared notes — discovering fun facts and sparking great discussions.

*To be or not to be Shakespeare experts? They're well on their way!*

## YEAR 7 REINVENTS FAIRY TALES

Our Year 7 students have been exploring the history of fairy tales and how they've evolved over time. After learning about their origins, they created their own unique versions and shared them with the class. There was a wonderful mix of creativity and storytelling!



## COMPETITION

# POETRY



To celebrate World Poetry Day, our talented students have been pouring their creativity into crafting stunning poems for the Foyle Young Poets competition

We are proud of their dedication and passion. We can't wait to see their voices shine.

## WORLD BOOK DAY



Inspired by books, we saw staff dressing up the themes such as Alice in Wonderland, The Wizard of Oz, Harry Potter, High School Musical amongst others.

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Sgt. Major James

James A, Y11 completed his Senior Cadet Instructors Course and he is pictured at his Passing Out Parade.

James had an amazing time during the week and worked extremely hard to not only pass his assessments at Distinction level (the only cadet to do this in 7 years), but to also be awarded the Best Cadet of the course. His parents were beyond as they watched James lead the parade. Following completion of this course, James was the promoted to Sergeant Major and is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to complete his Master Cadet Course in the Summer.



**AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR JACK**

Congratulations to one of our Year 8 students, Jack K, who has once again been selected for Wigan, St Helens and Leigh in the County Inter-league Cricket competition.



**WE RAISED AN INCREDIBLE £674.69!**

A Huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Own Clothes Day, Sponge a Teacher, Penalty Shoot Out and Bake Sale for RedNoseDay! Your generosity will help change lives. Thank you!

## DARCIE'S DREAM CAREER!

Darcie's dream career is to be a Referee in Rugby. She is pictured from when she touched judged her first Women's Super League game last month. Congratulations Darcie!



## OPERATIONS Latest on Estates



### There has been lots going on, some visible some not.

The work done on the school roof over the last 12 months meant we had only one leak following the terrible winds and heavy rain of New Year's Eve. This was quickly sorted and did not affect any lessons. The new Refectory queuing system was completed just after the Christmas break and has helped to speed up break and lunch-time service. The Science labs have had a new gas safety system installed during the February half term, bringing all the labs back online and meeting current guidance. Further works to internal lighting and power supplies to ensure we are not affected by power outages in the area have also been ongoing along with work on the MFL building heating and water systems. The major project currently ongoing will eventually be our new Reception and Student Services. Whilst it has seemed a very slow start, the concrete has now been poured, nine truckloads!! Unfortunately, the initial delays were due to finding lots of utilities that needed to be moved, gas and water or worked around such as drains and power. Next we will see the base brickwork starting to appear followed by the floor. The walls and roof are being built offsite using a technology called SIPs. The advantage is that the insulated panels reduce energy costs and we are tying this in with solar panels to reduce costs and energy usage further. The project is led onsite by Jason, site manager from Stirling Services with his two-man core team. With Easter looming it will be a great opportunity to give school a refresh to take us through to Summer.

# ENRICHMENT



## PROGRESS WITH UNITY SUMMIT

Four of our amazing students attended the inspiring Progress with Unity Summit at The Edge, Wigan, on February 4th.

The event brought together schools from across the borough, offering insight into the stories of Wigan's great teams, players, and coaches.

Thanks to Wigan Warriors, Leigh Leopards and Wigan Athletic for hosting such a fantastic experience.



## CANSFIELD STUDENT CONFERENCE



Thank you to everyone who joined the Cansfield Student Conference. Your ideas, passion and voices are what make our school better. Let's keep the conversation going and turn ideas into action!

## CAREERS SPEAKERS GTR. MANCHESTER POLICE



A huge thank you to Greater Manchester Police for sharing their career pathways with our students!

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPETITION

We received some fantastic news on Wednesday, 19th March. Since September, some of our students in Year 9 have been taking part in Young Enterprise to set up their own student company, (called Wonky Unique Plastics), took part in the Young Enterprise Greater Manchester showcase.

They had to set up a trade stand, take part in an interview with the judges and talk with lots of students from across the Greater Manchester borough, most of which were older students from colleges. Finally, they to present their company to a room of over a hundred people!

Although they didn't progress through to the Northwest finals, the team did win two awards. One of the awards they received was for 'Best Presentation' and the other was the prestigious 'Judges Award'. The judges said that they were fantastic, knowledgeable about their business, informative and passionate about why plastic pollution is a problem. Their journey throughout the year hadn't been an easy one and their presentation reflected a very honest insight into what they had done throughout the project.

The six students who represented Cansfield were Amelia, Sarah, Kieana, Layla, Olly and Zahra. The full team were unable to attend but included, Emma, Emilie, Dylan, Will and Olivia. All the students contributed to towards the company's goal and were congratulated by staff for their achievement. Mrs Owen who runs the Young Enterprise commented that they represented Cansfield beautifully and that she was super proud of every single one of them.

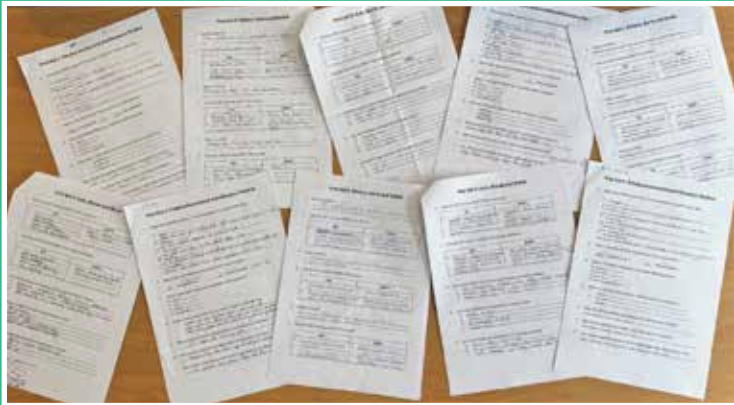


# HUMANITIES

## LIFE STUDIES



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



Our DoFE Students have been completing their Expedition training which includes First Aid, Highway Code, Countryside Code and how to deal with an emergency situation. Alongside this they have been completing hours towards their Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections of the award, and have been the most proactive year group we have had in completing these sections! A big shout out to Ellie B, Year 9 who is the first student to have a fully completed a section and be signed off - Well Done!

After half term, we have a dropdown day where students are going to begin planning their routes for the Expedition using OS Maps.



# THE RIOT ACT

We welcomed The Riot Act to Cansfield to talk to our Year 8 students about road safety as part of their Life Studies curriculum.

An engaging performance and workshop helped students explore real-life scenarios and learn how to stay safe as pedestrians

Thank you to The Riot Act for a fantastic session!

## CANSFIELD REMEMBERS



This year is the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz. Students learned about who was targeted by the Nazis, why, what conditions were like in the camps and their liberation. Additionally, it is also the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Students will have an assembly about the Second World War, the fighting that took place and the importance of the remembrance of those who fought for our country.

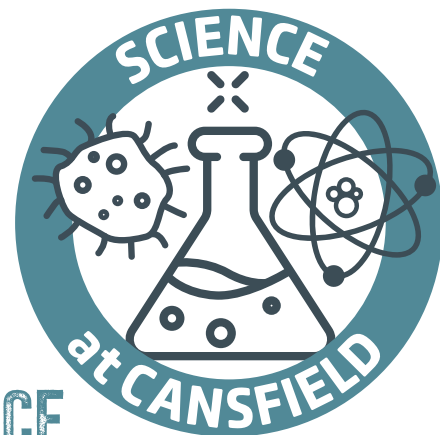
# SCIENCE

## SUPERHERO SCIENCE



Our fabulous year 9 PALs Erin, Layla, Yasmin, Willow, Macey and Ffion during our Year 5 Science morning.

These students did a fabulous job helping Miss Simpson deliver a superhero themed Science session to Year 5 from St. Thomas' and were a credit to Cansfield. Well done girls.



## CAREERS IN SCIENCE

Rachel, a Paramedic student from Liverpool John Moores University, came in to speak to some of our Year 7 students.

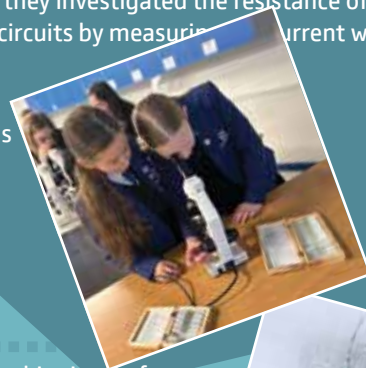
Students from loved her interactive talk, which involved a CPR demonstration and linking their current learning to her career.

Thank you so much for coming Rachel!

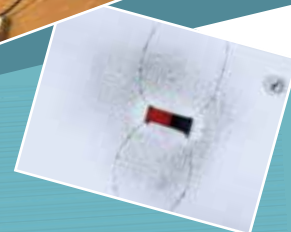
## PRACTICAL SCIENCE X6 @ CANSFIELD

1 Year 9 have been looking at current and resistance in their recent science lessons. Today they investigated the resistance of different components in series circuits by measuring current with an ammeter.

2 7C have been absolutely fantastic using microscopes in their recent science lessons with Mrs Percival. So far they have looked at a variety of everyday objects and some slides showing lots of different types of cells!



3 Connah P in 9E did a fantastic job with this visual of magnetic fields. It's great to see students engaging in Science and creating such impressive work. Keep it up!



4 In their science lessons with Miss Simpson, 9S have been carrying out displacement reactions. This experiment involves one metal replacing another in a chemical reaction.



5 The students successfully extracted copper from its ore by performing a displacement reaction. It's incredible to see science in action and the practical application of these concepts!

## STEM CLUB



Congratulations to the winners of last week's STEM challenge.

Team 'Miss Rothwell power' successfully built the tallest, freestanding tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows.

6 Well done 8F for demonstrating excellent practical skills when we investigated the fermentation of yeast. We all enjoyed our competition to see who could inflate their balloon with carbon dioxide the most!



# LANGUAGES

## YEAR 9 LA VILLE



Year 9 have been learning new topics, currently it is:

### **La Ville**

*They're excited to explore French towns and compare them to their own in England. Let's see what they discover.*

### **Bon Anniversaire Monsieur Pogba**

*Some of our Year 10 G.C.S.E. French student celebrated Paul Pogba's birthday during lesson this week! A World Cup winner with France in 2018, Pogba is a great inspiration - perfect for combining language learning and the love for sport!*



*Our KS3 students participated in a crêpe competition last week, putting their culinary skills to the test.*

*From flips to creative fillings, the group brought their best to the kitchen.*

*To celebrate Chandeleur in France, we held our very own crêpe decorating competition at Cansfield. All of the pupils worked extremely well and the crêpes were eggs-cellent!*

*Winners:*

*Year 9: Annya T - 9C, Ava D -9C, Elysia H -9C*

*Runner up: Year 7: Oliver D.*



## FOOD TASTING

*This term our Y8 students have enjoyed learning about French food and culture. After Assessment B, we held a food tasting lesson, where students could try the delicacies of France! Here are some of our Y8 students enjoying some French specialities.*

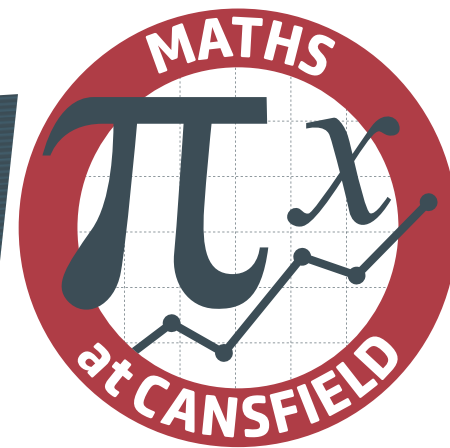


# MATHS

## MATHS DROP IN

We have our academic clubs. Maths Drop In is at lunchtime once per week for students to come and 'drop in' with any questions or concerns they have in their current maths lessons. This is a chance to ask the teacher one-to-one anything they may not want to ask in lesson. It also gives students the opportunity to tweak knowledge and grow in confidence for future lessons. It also gives students the opportunity to extend knowledge and

develop in confidence for future lessons in more difficult topic areas. In addition to this we have targeted past paper practice for Y11 in order to get any additional support in exam practice outside the classroom on a smaller scale. It allows students to ask the questions they may not be confident to ask and also allow them to consolidate knowledge of their own specific areas of weakness.



## NUMBER HUNT



Our students were buzzing with excitement and determination. With numbers hidden all around school, everyone was focused on completing the number hunt first.

Whether they were working solo or in teams, the hunt sparked a competitive spirit!



## IT'S ARROW TIME!

This term we students and staff have competed in Cansfield's first darts tournament. The competition has been a popular event with over 40 students and 16 staff members involved. There has been a range of ability on display from complete novices to those who play in competition regularly. Matches have been played in front of live crowds of up to 60 people. It has been fantastic to see students holding their nerve on the big stage. The final was played during the last week of the spring term. It was held in the theatre in front of a crowd of up to 350 students and staff. Tickets were sold with money going to charity. Congratulations to the students and staff who have made it to the finals: Harrison K, Joe M, Aaron GH, and Jayden H make up our student semi-finalists. Mr Carletti, Mr Burrows, Mr Mugan and Mr Sumpter were our staff semi-finalists.

The final was an incredible event and it was lovely to see maths in action in such a fun-filled event. Congratulations to the overall winner – Joel Miller, Y10.

## NUMERACY CHALLENGE

During form, KS3 students took on the Interform Numeracy Challenge. In small groups, students tackled a series of maths problems, racing against the clock to score the most points. **8E won the competition with the highest total - Congratulations!**

# PERFORMANCE



## STAFF VS. YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

Two amazing afternoons at Cansfield when Year 11 took on the mighty staff in tense charity football matches. The February half term game saw Team Staff taking a 2-0 win. Breaking up for Easter saw the Year 11 team take sweet revenge with a 2-1 win!! Well done lads.



## HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR

Our Cansfield students welcomed friends, family, and future students to enjoy their fantastic production of High School Musical Jr! From a matinee performance, to two sold-out evening shows, they absolutely wowed the crowd! The Monday matinee performance was for Year 7 and on Tuesday, our Year 5 visitors from local primary schools had an amazing time watching our students perform before the following big nights evening shows. Huge thanks to all the staff and students who made it happen. A huge thank you to everyone involved- what an incredible show!



Huge congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 Girls Rugby team that represented Cansfield at the Wigan Warriors 9 a side Festival.



## YEAR 7 & 8 RUGBY



The Year 7 Boys Rugby League team have made a terrific start to 2025 by earning a place in the Semi Finals of the Wigan Schools Knockout Cup against John Fisher.

This group have progressed tremendously since September and we are so proud of their efforts. In the challenging conditions, our Year 7 students did Cansfield proud and great support was shown from the parents!

Cansfield Year 7 and 8 Girls Rugby League team beat St Peter's High School in a rollercoaster of a game. Cansfield were victorious in extra time through a Golden point try which completed the game 36-30. The effort and attitude displayed by the team was exemplary and they fully deserved the win. This now means that they are through to the Wigan Knockout Cup Final to be played at the start of June. Good luck to the girls and they could make history by being the first female Rugby League team to win a trophy at Cansfield.

From September till March they have participated in the Wigan Warriors Festivals at Robin Park and have waited patiently for their chance to step up to 13 a side matches. The wait was worth it when they beat local rivals Byrchall High School, 14-10 down at Bear Park. The boys worked tirelessly, worked well as a team and took their opportunities when they presented themselves. We are super proud of their success so far this year and hopefully they can go on to gain a final place. Good luck Year 7!"

### Song Writing & Melody Making

Year 8 students have been getting creative with song writing and performance. They have been using keyboards and ukuleles, then exploring melody, harmony and structure to craft their own tunes.

## MUSIC

### Year 7 Music Development

Our Year 7 students are getting hands-on with keyboard skills in music! They're exploring chords, building their technique, and developing a strong foundation for potential future performances.

# PERFORMANCE

## CANSFIELD SPORT ROUND UP

**WELL  
DONE  
BOYS!**

### Brothers Jump to it!

At the end of March, brothers, Ethan N, Year 11 and Jacob N, Year 9, competed in the first round of a National Trampolining and Double Mini Trampoline (DMT) competition in Sunderland. Ethan won gold in trampolining and DMT, and Jacob won a bronze in trampolining. Parents were clearly over the moon as we very proud as a school - Congratulations!

This helps them progress towards the grand finals that will take place in Derby in September. The next national round in this competition is in June at Cardiff, additionally they also have some regional and inter-regional competitions coming up too. We look forward to news on their progress and wish them every success!



'We carry on exploring our concepts in P.E through a range of different activities.

Our students have been fantastic so far and are showing creative means and ways to achieve success in our subject!

## HORSEBACK ARCHERY SUCCESS!

Katie J in Year 11 has been selected for the development squad for Team GB and has been lucky enough to get a place on a training camp in Hungary with a world champion coach, Christoph Nemethy.

Last year after just two days training with the same coach, Katie set a new British Record on the Tower track, therefore this is a massive opportunity for her to be able to attend ahead of this year's competitions. Cansfield would like to wish her luck in future events and keep us posted how you are getting on once you leave school in June.



## GYMNASTIC SUCCESS!



We are so proud of our Cansfield students for doing so brilliantly in their gymnastics competition last weekend!

Hollie in year 10 came 1st out of 9 at the North West prelims 2025 and got through to the British championships!

Taylor in year 9 came 1st out of 5 and is also off to the British championships!

Isabelle in year 9 came 2nd out of 17!

Well done girls, you have all done fantastically well.

**WE ARE WINNERS!**