



RIDGEWAY HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN

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Dear Parents

Last Friday's first Charter Day of the year was a huge success, with some students describing it as the best ever! On Charter days we suspend the normal timetable and students take part in year-group-specific activities focused around elements of the Ridgeway Charter.



Year 7 were walking the Wirral Way [see picture: above right]. Although some of the team-building activities succumbed to the rain, everyone had a great time. Year 9, meanwhile, focused on creativity and enterprise, opting in to two sessions during the day. This enabled them to experience the full breadth of the arts and technology curriculum. Sessions included food technology, design technology, clay working in art, singing, music, drama, sport and computing.

I mentioned in the first bulletin of the year about [Chelsea Evans in Year 10 competing in Britain's Got Talent: The Champions](#). Chelsea is a member of the MerseyGirls dance group. They won through to the final, which is being broadcast on ITV on Saturday. Another Ridgeway champion is **Charlie Wilson**, who recently won silver and gold in the gi and no-gi jiu-jitsu junior European championships. Huge congratulations to them both.

As the saying goes, the only place that success comes before work is in the dictionary. Chelsea and Charlie's achievements are the result of a great deal of hard work and commitment. Success didn't happen overnight, and it wasn't handed to them on a plate. Everyone starts at the beginning, usually with bags of energy and enthusiasm but with a long road ahead of them too. That's why, as a school, we place such an emphasis on the importance of endurance and resilience: setting goals, overcoming obstacles, bouncing back from setbacks.

Students have been busily signing up to extra-curricular activities. We have a design technology 'open' workshop, boxing, art mindfulness, reading club, Lego robotics and gaming — to name just a few. My goal is for every student to get involved in at least one activity. How many students will go on to be the next Chelsea or Charlie?

Students are excited when they receive achievement points and value them highly. Starting from Monday, we will be displaying lots of weekly information about achievements on the website, including the top students in each house. In the meantime, well done to **Ellisha Smith** (King), **Caitlin Probbing** (Kolbe) and **Rylee Gibson** (Teresa) who received the most achievement points in their respective houses last week.

I am delighted that many of you found the first issue of the online-safety newsletter informative and useful. [The October issue is now available to view and/or download to keep.](#)

Finally, I mentioned last week about the success of our Open Events, with over 200 families coming to visit us. We are holding an Open Morning next Friday and an additional Open Morning on Wednesday 16 October — two further opportunities for parents to see us in action during the school day.

Looking further ahead, we have our Parents' Review Day on Friday 25 October, an invaluable opportunity to discuss with your child's form tutor how things are going so far, to look ahead and to think about how we can best support your child. More details to follow shortly.

Tony Taylor
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday 10 October: Wirral Sports Forum Awards Evening at Hulme Hall
- Friday 11 October: Open Morning, 9.30am to 11.30am
- Wednesday 16 October: Open Morning, 9.30am to 11.30am