



RIDGEWAY HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN

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Dear Parents

Yesterday evening, I was at Hulme Hall in Port Sunlight, attending the Wirral Sports Forum Awards with Mr Metcalf, head of the PE department, which was nominated in the Sports Department of the Year category. Finishing as runners-up, having won the award only last year, is a remarkable achievement. The announcement last week that they have also been shortlisted in the Outstanding Commitment to Sport in a Secondary School category in the prestigious Educate Awards — the largest education awards in the north west — is further recognition of the department's excellent work.

The PE department offers outstanding opportunities for students to participate, and so it is no surprise that the department has also received the School Games Mark Gold for the second year running. We have many other extra-curricular activities on offer as well, of course. [A timetable of lunchtime and after-school clubs is available on the website.](#)

Our next assembly focus is aspiration. Last week, I linked my comments about effort and participation to the achievements of **Charlie Wilson** in jiu-jitsu and **Chelsea Evans** in dance. Although Chelsea and the MerseyGirls didn't win the final of *Britain's Got Talent: The Champions*, they nevertheless did incredibly well. Another talented student making amazing progress through dedication and hard work is **Aisling Macnaughton** in Year 10 [pictured right]. Aisling has been involved in archery since the age of five, practises several times a week and now shoots in competitions at county level.



Last weekend, five of our most able Year 9 mathematicians took part in the first of five masterclasses run by Mathematical Education on Merseyside (MEM). Hosted at local universities and exploring topics not normally taught in schools — mechanics, juggling, codes and ciphers, the maths behind card tricks — these masterclasses will help inspire a love of maths and may even shape the future career pathway of some of those taking part.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Miss Cotter took GCSE religious education students to visit Bidston Church and Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. Trips like this one are so important in helping students understand the real-world relevance of things they are learning in the classroom.

I have talked a lot about recognising, rewarding and celebrating students' achievements in recent weeks. [We now have an Achievements Board on the website, which we will update on a weekly basis.](#)

After their extraordinary fundraising achievements last year on behalf of good causes, I have again asked our three houses to raise money for charities of their choice. King and Kolbe will once more focus their efforts on behalf of Claire House and Cash For Kids respectively. Linking in with our whole-school commitment to mental health awareness and well-being, Teresa House have announced that they will be supporting the Samaritans. You can expect to hear much more from all three houses over the coming weeks and months.

I mentioned last week that Friday 25 October is our Parents' Review Day. [As it says in the letter we are sending home](#), this is a very important occasion. If you are working during normal school hours and would like an early-morning or after-school slot, members of the senior leadership team are able to offer those times. We will also be offering support for parents with how to use the online programs Tassomai and Show My Homework.

Tony Taylor
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 16 October: Open Morning, 9.30am to 11.30am
- Thursday 24 October: Year 7 Halloween Disco
- Friday 25 October: Parents' Review Day