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#TEAM DEYES NEWSLETTER

Summer Term - July 2025





HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, and Deyes High School Community,



As we reach the end of another academic year, I am delighted to welcome you to our bumper Summer Newsletter. This term has been a celebration of learning, growth, and community spirit, and I am incredibly proud of all that our students and staff have achieved. Throughout the term, our students have continued to impress us with their dedication, creativity, and resilience

I'd like to highlight just a few accomplishments that have made this year so memorable:

- Academic Excellence: Congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 students for their outstanding dedication to their external examinations. Many have already secured places at top colleges and universities. Many Year 11s will re-join us for the next phase of their journey in Y12 at College@Deyes and we can't wait!
- STEM Success: Year 7 students competed in the "Race the Line" regional STEM interschool challenge then designed, built, and raced their own model cars at school.
- Creative Arts: The school production of Beauty and the Beast was a resounding success, with sold-out performances and glowing reviews from the community.
- Sports Achievements: Our football teams have been incredibly successful. We also celebrate team achievements in athletics, netball and individual successes. Well done!
- Community Impact: Students worked with local schools, our MP and councillors to clean up the canal, protecting the environment and showing incredible teamwork.

As we head into the summer break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, reflect, and recharge. Whether you're travelling, exploring new hobbies, or simply enjoying time with loved ones, I hope your summer is filled with joy and inspiration. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another year of opportunity and achievement.

Wishing you all a safe and joyful summer.

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School

Students Wow in Beauty and the Beast



In April, students at Deyes High School entertained audiences with their spectacular production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast: The Musical. Students and staff started rehearsals in September 2024 and spent months working on all aspects of the show. From enchanting vocals to dazzling choreography, the show was a true celebration of student talent and dedication.

Mia Waters from Year 9, who played Belle, said: "At first, I didn't believe in myself enough to even try for this role, but with encouragement, I took the leap. Belle's kindness, strength, and emotional depth make her such a beautiful character to portray."

Zac Tanner from Year 10, who played Beast, added: "It's a chance to focus more on emotion rather than comedy. Rehearsals are coming together quickly. Everyone's working hard to make this show amazing!"

The production was guided by Executive and Musical Director Mrs. Byrne, who stated: "Each cast member has grown so much in confidence and skill. The energy and passion in every rehearsal have been incredible to witness. It's more than just a show—it's a shared achievement that everyone should be proud of."



Backed by an outstanding creative team, from vocal and choreography directors to student-led backstage and tech crews, the production brought Broadway brilliance to the school stage. Audiences were treated to iconic numbers like "Be Our Guest" and "Beauty and the Beast," and left the theatre singing the praises of the cast and crew.

Headteacher Mrs. Beaney added: "This production has been an outstanding showcase of what our students can achieve when they are supported to follow their passions. It's been inspiring to see such dedication, talent, and teamwork come to life on stage."

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Fond Farewell to Year 11



The end of the academic year brought a memorable and emotional celebration for the Year 11 students at Deyes High School, as staff, students and families came together. The Leavers' Ceremony was a chance to acknowledge the hard work and resilience of all Year 11 students throughout their time at Deyes High School. The event featured speeches from staff, highlighting the achievements, friendships and moments that shaped their journey.

The celebrations continued with the Year 11 Prom at the beautiful Isla Gladstone Conservatory in Liverpool. Students arrived in style, dressed to impress and ready to mark the end of an era. Throughout the night, students enjoyed a delicious three-course dinner, music, and plenty of opportunities for photographs and memories with friends and teachers.

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School, said: "We wish all of our Year 11 leavers every success as they move into further education, training or employment. Whatever path they choose, this special group will always be part of the Deyes High School family, and we're excited to see the bright and promising futures that lie ahead for them."

Year 13 Leavers' Celebration



College@Deyes marked the end of an exceptional chapter for Year 13 students with a memorable leavers' celebration. The evening began with a drinks reception at the Sixth Form centre, where students, staff, and families gathered to reflect on achievements and friendships formed over the past two years.

The celebration continued at Liverpool Racquet Club, offering a fittingly elegant backdrop for a final farewell. Students shared highlights from their time at College@Deyes and looked ahead to exciting futures, whether in higher education, apprenticeships, or professional pathways.

Head of Sixth Form, Mr. Ryan, said: "These students have shown remarkable resilience, ambition, and character. They've set the standard for what it means to be part of College@Deyes — supportive, driven, and always striving for more. We're incredibly proud of them."

Headteacher Mrs. Beaney, added: "This is more than a farewell; it's a celebration of all they've accomplished and the potential they carry forward. We can't wait to see the impact they'll make in the world."

The evening captured the spirit of College@Deyes perfectly: high expectations, strong community, and a relentless focus on success.

Year 6 Transition Day



Deyes High School welcomed students from the local area to Year 6 Transition Day for a full day of immersive activities. Pupils experienced a day in the life of a Deyes student, including lessons, team-building games, and a tour of the school.

Mrs. Beaney, Head of School, said: "Our staff and student leaders created a welcoming, inclusive environment. It's always a joy to see the next generation of Deyes students begin their journey with us."

Mr. Patten, Head of Year 7 added: "We want every child to leave today feeling excited and reassured. It's about building confidence and giving them a taste of the Deyes experience."

Lily said, "I made some new friends today and I'm excited to start at Deyes!"

Ethan added "The teachers were really nice, and I enjoyed looking around the school building, including the drama studio, art classrooms and sports hall."

Y12 Students 'Meet the Professionals'

Year 12 students at College@Deyes took part in a 'Meet the Professionals' event recently. Every student participated in mock interviews and networking sessions designed to sharpen their employability skills and expand their understanding of the world beyond the classroom.

Representatives from a wide range of organisations, including Kier, Alder Hey, the Army, the Navy, Unilever, Barclays, and the Department for Work and Pensions, generously gave their time and expertise. Students gained valuable, firsthand insights into diverse career paths — from engineering and healthcare to finance and public service.

One Year 12 student said: ""The mock interview really pushed me out of my comfort zone, but it showed me exactly what I need to improve before I apply for university and jobs." Another student, added: "Meeting professionals from so many industries opened my eyes to careers I hadn't even considered. It's made me feel more confident and focused about my next steps."

Headteacher Mrs. Beaney explained: "Opportunities like this are vital. They prepare students for interviews and broaden horizons and encourage ambition. Our students left the day inspired and better equipped to make informed choices about their futures."



Deyes welcomes Safer Schools Officer

Deyes High School welcomed new Safer Schools Officer PC Kate in April.

Kate has worked for Merseyside Police for 21 years. For the last 12 years, she has been a Police Officer in various roles within Sefton area.

Kate explained: "My role as Safer Schools officer is part of the force's Preventative Policing strategy to educate young people from 11 to 18 years about the law, how to stay safe in the community and online and to be a positive role model for them to speak with.

I will be in Deyes on a Wednesday each week and will make myself visible to the students so they feel they can come and chat to me during breaks and lunchtime.

I plan to get involved in various activities during the school day, so everyone becomes comfortable with me."

Form Tutors, Heads of Year and Safeguarding leads will refer cases to Kate for advice and support where needed.







Student Council Celebrate Success

The Student Leadership Team (SLT) is a crucial part of the school ecosystem and one of the many extracurricular clubs offered at Deyes High School. SLT is responsible for the organising and operating of school events, such as the upcoming Summer Fair, and speaking to the Senior Leadership Team about current issues and how they could be changed.

This year, the student leadership team supported whole school events including the Year 6 Open Evening, Christmas Fair, Christmas Concert, the Beauty and the Beast production and supported transition day for new Year 7s. We have an upcoming summer fair and music concert in addition. The SLT also participated in the Maghull & District Youth Council, a local youth voice and engagement forum supported by Maghull Town Council. Its mission is to give young people across Maghull and the surrounding area a structured route to share their views, help shape community decisions, and champion issues that matter to them.

One student said: "Being in the Student Leadership Team has been really enjoyable this year as we've been able to help at so many events and also representing our peers. I am most proud of the success of the Winter Market because it brought our community together, involving people from the area to enjoy a festive experience."

Students who are interested in joining the Student Leadership Team and helping many events to thrive, can speak to Mrs Byrne in September.



Deyes Community Summer Fair

Deyes Summer Fair proved a resounding success, with hundreds of families flocking to the school for a day of entertainment and fundraising. The event featured dozens of stalls offering everything from traditional tombolas and homemade cakes to craft goods and children's games.

The undisputed highlight was the "Soak the Teacher" stand, which drew constant queues and enthusiastic cheers as brave staff members Mr Ryan and Miss Wright took turns in the dunk tank. Students tried their luck at soaking teachers.

Local businesses, parents and volunteers manned stalls and organized activities. Local community Ukelele band, the Madukes provided live performances which provided the event with a lively and jolly atmosphere.

"We're absolutely thrilled with the turnout and the fantastic community spirit shown by everyone," said fair organizer and Head of EPA Mrs. Byrne. "The weather held out, our student volunteers were amazing and seeing so many families come together to support our school was wonderful. We couldn't have asked for a better day. Thank you to all students, families, community groups and local businesses for your support."

The event raised funds for Mighty Max, (<u>click here for details</u>) while creating lasting memories for all who attended. With such enthusiastic support from the local community, next year's fair already has high expectations to meet.



Students Help Local Canal Clean-Up

Our Student Council joined forces with local primary and secondary schools as part of a Maghull and District Community Of Schools (MADCOS) Student Councils community initiative to clean up the canal. Each school took responsibility for a designated section, tackling litter head-on and making a visible impact on the local environment in partnership with the Canal River Trust and Maghull Town Hall.

One student said: "It feels good to do something practical that helps everyone. We don't just talk about caring for the environment — we actually get out there and do it."

Headteacher Mrs. Beaney added: "Our students stepped up and showed what it means to lead by example. Community action like this builds character and a genuine sense of responsibility that stays with them long after they leave school."

Bill Esterson, Labour MP for Sefton Central, added: "Huge thanks to all the children and schools across Maghull, Lydiate and Melling who took part in the community litter pick which is a powerful statement about the kind of community our young people are building."



Students Master Guitar Skills

Deyes High School welcomed Tru Tune for an intensive guitar training session designed to push students beyond the basics and inspire musical mastery. Led by professional musician and ex pupil Jack Forshaw, the session focused on technique, performance confidence, and creative expression — skills essential for any aspiring guitarist ready to move from hobbyist to serious player. Students worked on advanced fingerstyle, improvisation, and stage presence, gaining practical tips directly from working artists who know exactly what it takes to stand out.

One student commented: "This was on another level and helped me learn to think and feel like a musician." Mrs. Byrne, Head of Expressive and Performing Arts, added: "Opportunities like this show students the discipline and artistry required to excel. These sessions empower young musicians to go beyond the classroom, build their confidence, and set higher standards for their own potential."



Students Dazzled at Hamilton

Students from Expressive and Performing Arts experienced a standout cultural moment with a trip to the Empire Theatre to watch Hamilton. The experience deepened their understanding of contemporary theatre and demonstrated the level of professionalism, creativity, and precision required at the highest level. For many, it was an inspiring reminder of where their own passion for the performing arts could lead.



Students Impress At Art Exhibition

The Year 11 and 13 Art Exhibition was a huge success, with a fantastic turnout from students, families, and staff. The quality and creativity of the work on display was outstanding, showcasing the incredible talent and hard work of our art students. We're delighted to share that we raised £65 during the evening for our Conway trip fund—thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event!

One parent commented: "It was so lovely to see my child's artwork on display – they were so proud, and so were we! The whole evening was wonderful, with such a warm atmosphere and fantastic live performances that really brought the event to life."



Tomorrow's Teachers Placements



Congratulations to our Year 12 and 13 students who successfully completed the Tomorrows Teacher programme! The programme is designed to transform the future of education by empowering and preparing the next generation of educators. This was has been an excellent opportunity for our College@Deyes students to understand and experience some of the fabulous benefits of working with children and young people.

Our students took part in sessions to gain an understanding of the role of the teacher as well as practical opportunities for classroom experience in Deyes High School and Greenpark Primary School.

Feedback from participants was very positive:

- "I really enjoyed having the opportunity to mentor a small group of students and the chance to employ many professional qualities of a teacher."
- "My highlight has got to be a student understanding a question once I explained it to them – they were so happy!"
- "I enjoyed looking at the teaching strategies that teachers use to engage their class."
- "The programme has confirmed that I would like to teach!"
- One teacher said "Thank you for supporting our students. You have really made a positive impact on the class."

Year 7 Race the Line Competition



Year 7 students put their engineering skills to the test in the exciting "Race the Line" competition, held at Liverpool College this month as part of a regional STEM inter-school challenge. Inspired by the experience, we brought the event back to school, giving all 240 Year 7 students the chance to design, build, and race their own model cars — an afternoon of energy, creativity, and pure enjoyment.

Top honours for leadership and design went to Luke, Logan, and Pippa, while the fastest car on the track was built by Freya's team, followed closely by LADO and Jeep teams in second and third place. Our 12 dedicated student mentors were recognised with certificates and prizes for their invaluable support.

Mrs Hesketh, Head of Science, said: "This event perfectly captured the spirit of STEM learning — hands-on, fast-paced, and full of innovation. It was fantastic to see every student so engaged and inspired."

GlastonDeyes Student Showcase

Our talented students took part in GlastonDeyes this month—the much-anticipated performing arts and music showcase. The event featured students from across the the school, presenting everything from band ensembles and vocal performances to dramatic monologues and dance routines. The result was a beautifully curated evening that highlighted both technical skill and personal expression.

Professionally staged and powerfully performed, GlastonDeyes pushed students to elevate their craft. Under clear direction from teachers and external mentors, performers delivered polished acts that reflected months of preparation and dedication. The audience, made up of students and families, responded with enthusiastic applause.

The showcase served as a platform for students to experience authentic performance pressure, build resilience, and step into leadership roles. From lighting cues to set design, stage management to front-of-house, young people took ownership of every production detail, gaining practical experience for future artistic pursuits.

Mrs. Byrne said "This event exemplifies Deyes High School's commitment to professional arts education. It offers a real-world environment where students see first-hand what it takes to produce high-quality creative work—and to thrive when the spotlight's on. Well done to all involved."



Deyes Netherlands Football Tour



Deyes High School made history by embarking on its first-ever football tour in May, taking Year 8 and Year 10 teams to the Netherlands. The experience combined sporting excellence with memorable cultural moments, making it a landmark event for the school.

Dominant Performances on the Pitch

Both teams came home undefeated, a testament to their hard work, teamwork and discipline. The Year 8 team recorded impressive victories of 12–0 and 3–0, with Tom C and Joe finishing as top scorers with three goals each. Meanwhile, the Year 10 team achieved emphatic wins of 14–1 and 7–0, with Tom A leading the way with five goals across the tour.

More Than Just Football

Students enjoyed a guided tour of the Johan Cruyff Arena, a scenic canal cruise in Amsterdam, lunch at the Hard Rock Café, an adrenaline-filled visit to Walibi World theme park, and a professional training session at a local academy. An Awards and Quiz Night, hosted by Mr. Delaney, rounded off a packed and enriching programme.

A Captains' Perspective

Year 10 captain, Aaron, reflected: "My favourite moment was in our second game when Isaac finally scored. Everyone celebrated together — even the Year 8 team joined in. It felt like a special moment for both teams." Year 8 captain, Isaac, added: "The tour brought our team closer together. The Ajax stadium visit, our 12–0 win, and the final night awards were moments I'll never forget."

Both captains expressed pride in making school history. "It feels great to know we were part of the first ever tour," said Aaron. "Hopefully this kick-starts more trips for future teams." Isaac added: "It was an honour to captain the team and hand over the school emblem before both matches."





A Lasting Legacy

The final Awards and Quiz Night recognised standout contributions, including Charlie (Year 8 Players' Player), Paddy (Year 8 Manager's Player), and Alfie (Year 10 Players' Player).

Throughout the trip, the students represented Deyes High School with pride, professionalism and enthusiasm. Their impeccable behaviour, team spirit and resilience left a strong impression on hosts and staff alike.

This historic first tour has set a high bar for the future and created memories that will last a lifetime. Congratulations to all involved — we're already looking forward to the next one!



Deyes Athletes Excel in Championship



Deyes High athletes delivered an outstanding performance at the Sefton Division 2 Athletics Championships, competing against five other schools. Thanks to ideal weather, our students rose to the challenge, with many stepping into unfamiliar events to support their teams while some Year 10 athletes were away on the Naples trip.

The girls' teams finished 4th in Year 7, won both Year 8 and Year 9, and placed 3rd in Year 10, securing 2nd overall. The boys' teams came 2nd in Year 7, won Year 8 and Year 9, and finished 6th in Year 10, also taking 2nd overall — missing the top spot by just three points.

A number of students secured gold medals, demonstrating individual excellence alongside remarkable team spirit. Every athlete played their part, and these results show the strength, determination, and adaptability of our young people.

Well done to everyone involved — you've made Deyes proud.

Year 9 and 10 Girls Derby Win



Year 9 and 10 girls' football team recently travelled to Childwall for a Lydiate Learning Trust derby – and delivered a performance that reflected both their character and commitment. In a competitive match, the team came away with a well-earned 3–2 victory, ending the football season on a high note.

Throughout the game, the girls conducted themselves with the utmost sportsmanship and resilience, representing Deyes High School with pride. The win was a testament to their hard work and teamwork across the year, making it a fitting conclusion to the season. Congratulations to the squad: Chloe, Laila, Sophie, Aimee, Charlotte, Ashlyn, Erin, Anja and Ava.

A huge well done to all the girls for an excellent finish to the season – you've set a strong foundation for the years ahead.

Boys Football Success Across School



Our U12s dominated the North West League, going undefeated thanks to standout performances from James and the formidable Stevie in goal.

The U13s capped an impressive season by winning the North West Cup and finishing as league runners-up — a fantastic achievement that highlights their determination and quality.

Well done to Year 9 student Alex who represented Sefton and had a great season.

Year 10 boys Bobby, Tom and Aaron secured a fantastic 3–1 victory over South London to win the Nation Shield, capping their campaign at Worcester's Sixways Stadium. Their journey to the final showcased true grit and skill, with impressive wins across the country in places like Harrogate and Sheffield.

Congratulations, we are all immensely proud of you! <u>#TeamDeyes</u>









Deyes Netball Girls Shine at Tournament



The Deyes girls enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Liverpool Tennis Centre, representing the school with pride and passion at the South Sefton Netball Tournament. All the hard work and training paid off as every player came away with a well-earned medal — an amazing result for both teams.

The Year 7 team were crowned winners of the plate tournament, while the Year 8 team put in a strong performance to finish as runners-up. Both squads gave it their all throughout the afternoon, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and a competitive spirit that truly reflected the Deyes values.

Congratulations to every player for making the school proud. A huge well done to the girls – an excellent effort and a fantastic result for Deyes High School!

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Congratulations to the following students for their standout performances:

Ruby from Year 7 who was named Opposition Player of the Tournament and Players' Player for her outstanding shooting and movement.

Imogen received the Teacher's Player award for her precision in feeding the ball into the circle and strong captaincy throughout the day.

Well done to Holly from Year 8 who was awarded both Opposition Player and Teacher's Player of the Tournament for her hard work and excellent leadership from the centre position.

Poppy earned the Players' Player award for her relentless effort in front of goal and sharp finishing.



Footballing Triumph for Year 8 Students



Our Year 8 footballers stepped up to represent Sefton Schools in the Sefton Boys Under 13 ESFA North West Cup Final.

Alfie, Charlie, and Joe all played key roles in Sefton's 2–0 win over Salford Schools at the Liverpool Academy in Kirkby. Our students have been central to Sefton's success throughout the year and continue to represent both the borough and Deyes High with commitment and pride.

Well done on your achievement boys, we're very proud of you!

Scarlett Soars to Silver in Tumbling



Congratulations to Deyes High School student Scarlett, who achieved an outstanding result at the English Tumbling Championships, finishing in second place in her age category.

Scarlett's performance was nothing short of exceptional, demonstrating precision, strength and focus to secure the silver medal. This remarkable result means that she is now ranked second in England for her age group — a huge accomplishment and a testament to her hard work and dedication.

Well done, Scarlett — we are all very proud of you and can't wait to see where your tumbling journey takes you next!

Year 7 & 8 Girls Finish on a High

Our Year 7 and 8 girls' football team proudly posed with a replica World Cup trophy recently – a fitting symbol for a season defined by hard work, resilience, and teamwork. The girls have been a credit to the school throughout the year, representing with passion and integrity every time they stepped onto the pitch.



They rounded off their campaign with a fantastic, friendly tournament at the LCFA, a celebration of women's football that captured the very best of the game.

Students' Sefton Teams Football Success



The 2024-25 season has been extraordinary for the girls at Deyes High School, with students across all year groups representing Sefton and achieving remarkable victories in regional and national competitions.

Huge congratulations to Abbie, Amber and Valentina from Year 7, who represented Sefton with distinction throughout the year. The U12 team finished an outstanding campaign by claiming both the ESFA North West League title and the League Cup.

Year 8 student Chloe competed at U13 level, with Sefton capturing the double — the ESFA North West League and the League Cup — in a memorable season.

Aimee, Charlotte and Ava from Year 9 made a significant mark for Sefton this year. The U14 side were crowned ESFA North West League and League Cup winners, before going one better and making history as National Champions. Their victory in the National Cup Final, held at Stoke City's stadium, was a landmark moment for girls' football in the area.

Esme from Year 10 rounded off an incredible year for the Sefton programme, representing the U15 team. The squad dominated the regional scene, adding the ESFA North West League and League Cup to their growing list of accolades. Well done to all, we're very proud of your achievements.

Deyes Students Win National Cup Final



Deyes High School was represented with distinction as Aimee and Charlotte from Year 9 stepped out for Sefton in the National Cup Final at Stoke City FC – and came away as champions! The match was an incredible spectacle from start to finish, with both girls playing pivotal roles in a hard-fought victory that will be remembered for a long time. Their quality, determination and pride were evident throughout, making it a privilege for all who watched.

Ms Dunne, PE teacher at Deyes High School, said: "Aimee and Charlotte have worked incredibly hard to reach this level, and their performance in the final was a testament to their dedication and passion. We're so proud of both girls — they've represented their school and county with distinction and have inspired us all."

The win marked a memorable moment for both students and a proud chapter in the school's sporting history. It was a powerful reminder of what can be achieved through hard work, resilience and a genuine love for the game. Well done girls!

AND FINALLY.

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