



# HOPE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

**"A community of learners of all ages from the local area committed to mutual service where each person can flourish, be his/her best and work for the common good to the glory of God and his creation."**

## School Buses

As you may be aware we are experiencing difficulties with some of our buses being full to capacity, mainly the 722 and 725 travelling to the Wargrave area. In order to keep our students safe we have made the decision to prevent pupils boarding once the bus is full. There is no easy way to do this so we use a queuing system. Unfortunately it does mean that, at times, students are left behind. In order to ease this problem we are asking that students who can cycle/walk home from school easily do so. We are working with the Road Safety Officer and with the bus companies to try to alleviate this problem as quickly as possible.

Many thanks,  
Mrs S Jones, Assistant  
Principal

## Polite Notice

Please can parents dropping/collecting their children in a morning/afternoon refrain from doing a three point turn in the middle of the road at the drop off point as this restricts the flow of traffic. Thank you.

## David Gatward - Author Visit

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October some Y8, 9 and 11 pupils were treated to an interesting afternoon. David Gatward visited the Academy to give talks on how he achieved his dream of writing horror for children. It seems his life has been far from conventional, from working at a salmon farm to being an OFSTED editor, he has done it all. But none of this quite came close to what his 11 year old self, curled up in a caravan reading a horror book, had dreamed his life would be like. So he packed in all the boring jobs and set about trying to write a book, and now has over 40 books published. His message to the pupils was it wasn't easy and lots of people

thought he was crazy for even trying but nothing has made him happier than realising his dream, so no matter what people tell you, never let anyone stop you reaching your potential or from pursuing your dream.



David Gatward meeting some Y7 pupils

## Street Dancing Victory for Emily Edwards

Being taught a brilliant dance routine by my dance teacher George Sampson was an amazing experience and such a privilege that I decided the best way to say thank you would be to practise like mad and then win! So that's what I did. In the school holidays I spent day after day rehearsing in the studio. All the practising paid off last weekend when I went to Wigan to compete in the Street Dance International competition (S.D.I). I finished 4th in the Under 14s and 1st in the Under 16s Duo's category! I am going to be competing every weekend for the next 4 weeks, in Stoke, Birmingham,

Blackpool and finally in the Tower Ballroom in Blackpool. I am hoping to qualify for the 'British Championships' which are held yearly in London at the O2.

Emily Edwards EF1



Emily Edwards Y9

## Homework Project Update KS3 Pupils

If you are finding it difficult to view the homework projects via the VLE, please type in the following link, <http://www.openoffice.org/download/> which will allow you to open the Word document (and it's free). If you would like to email your completed homework projects back to school, please use the following e-mails addresses: [hope.maths@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:hope.maths@sthelens.org.uk)

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## Welcome to One World School!

Welcome to One World School! Our school's motto is, 'It's not One World that make the pupils it's the pupils that make One World.' We stand for Local and Global community cohesion. We are dedicated to providing the best possible opportunities to allow all our pupils to succeed and be the best they can be, providing a foundation from which they will flourish when they leave Hope Academy.

One of our houses is named after Florence Nightingale, who is famous for her nursing work during the Crimean War (1854 - 56). She changed the face of nursing from a mostly untrained profession to a highly skilled and well-respected medical profession with very important responsibilities. During the Crimean war, Florence Nightingale gained the nickname "The Lady with the Lamp" because when all the medical officers had retired for the night and silence and darkness had settled, she could be observed alone, with a little lamp in her hand, making her solitary rounds.

Our second house is named after Oscar Romero, a priest of the Roman Catholic Church in El Salvador, later the Prelate Archbishop of San Salvador. He witnessed numerous violations of human rights and began a ministry speaking out on behalf of the poor and victims of the country's civil war. In 1980, he was assassinated and his death finally provoked international outcry for human rights reform in El Salvador. In 1997 Pope John Paul II bestowed upon him the title of 'Servant of God'. He is considered the unofficial patron saint of the Americas and El Salvador and is one of the ten 20th-century martyrs from across the world depicted above the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey, London.



Florence Nightingale



Oscar Romero

## Operation Christmas Child

As part of our preparations for Christmas we are supporting the charity Operation Christmas Child, the largest children's Christmas project in the world, run by the Christian charity Samaritan's Purse. They send gift-filled shoeboxes to disadvantaged children around the world, bringing joy into the lives of over 80 million children. Giving a shoebox gift is really quite simple. You wrap and pack it, they check

and send it, and their in-country partners deliver it. It starts in your hands and ends up in theirs. Last year Hope Academy sent off 73 boxes. This year I would love to be able to send over 100. For further information please visit <http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/>. Lets make a difference this Christmas. All boxes must be delivered to the Chapel by 12th November. Thank you, Miriam.

Miriam

## MP becomes Academy VIP!

On Thursday 27th September Year 12 Public Services students met with Dave Watts the local MP for St Helens North. The students are currently studying Unit 1: Government, Policies and the Public Services so meeting Mr Watts was a fantastic opportunity for them to get a taste of real life politics. All students participated in preparing questions and interviewing Mr Watts in the conference room about the local election process and his political career. This is Mr Watts' second visit to Pub-

lic Services at the Academy - A very enjoyable morning was had by all involved!



Mr Watts meeting Y12 students

## Netball results

The Year 11, 10 and 8 teams have all played fixtures during the half term so far with a mixed set of results. The year 8 and 11 teams have got off to a winning start. There have been some excellent performances by Olivia Parr, Gabrielle Monaghan and Caitlin Owen. Practices continue on Monday after College and hopefully as the outdoor courts become available we will have more space and more fixtures.

## World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Students from the Chaplaincy raised a massive £179 for Macmillan Cancer Support by hosting a coffee morning for the staff. The students set the chapel up like a cafe and served the staff a wonderful range of delicious cakes and drinks. It was a brilliant morning and all the students who took part should be extremely proud of themselves.



## Attendance

Currently:-  
whole school = 95.3%  
Target = 95% so we are above!  
Year 7 98.3%  
Year 8 95.4%  
Year 9 94.2%  
Year 10 94.8%  
Year 11 94.4%

'We can do no great things, just small things with great love'

Lord, Help us to share the good gifts that you have given us with those who are less fortunate than we are. May we recognise the difference that small acts of kindness can make and always strive to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Amen