

# Helsby Highlights

Helsby High School's Student Newsletter  
(12/06/2017 – 25/06/2017)

## Well done!

The students of Helsby High School have been nominated for the Cheshire Schools Awards, and have made it to the final!

We have been nominated for the Active Community Award category, and this is all thanks to you for being such amazing members of the school and doing so much for our local community.

The Chester Chronicle revealed the list of finalists and the awards take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> June in Chester.

Jon Everall from main sponsor Excell Supply, who was one of the judges. He said: "The standard of entries was extremely high which made judging

extremely difficult. We would like to thank everyone that took the time to enter, and congratulations to this year's finalists. We are excited to welcome the schools at the awards in June and look forward to revealing the winners."



### Dates for your diary!

- 13/06/17:** Y13 UCAS Application evening
- 19/06/17:** Y10 internal exams start
- 27-28/06/17:** Y12 Business Studies / Media trip to London
- 29/06/17:** Summer exam season ends!!
- 03/07/17:** Y11 into 6<sup>th</sup> Form Induction morning
- 04/07/17:** Primary School Mini Athletics at HHS

The PCSOs have a fortnightly drop in to help you with any issues in the community – come and see them in C15 on a Wednesday lunch time. **Next drop in: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**



### An interview with Star of the Week



Last week's Star of the Week was Abi S (8HPA) who was nominated by her History teacher, Mrs Jones, who is also her Year Leader. She was awarded Star of the Week for excellent effort and hard work in History. She was very happy to receive the award and when a letter got sent home, her parents were very proud of her. Her advice to other students who want to be nominated for Star of the Week was to concentrate and listen in lessons. She said that the best part about being in high school was being able to learn new things everyday.

## What's on Guide:

- **Frodsham Youth Club**  
(Tuesdays and Fridays at Frodsham Community Centre, 7:00 – 9:00pm)
- **ReCharge** – Every Wednesday in A8, 1:20-2:00pm
- **NCK Fridays** – Youth Club for years 6-8 on Friday nights at the NCK Centre, Norley (6:30-7:45pm)
- **NCK Extra!** Youth club for years 9+ on Friday nights at the NCK Centre, Norley (8:00-9:00pm)
- **Big Music Project** – Every Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at Frodsham Youth Club

## British Values: Thought for the Week

### Respect your teachers, who are there to help you

Teachers are people who want to help you learn by passing on their knowledge. They can be teachers in school, at youth groups or any activity, but they all want to help you learn new things.

### Riddle box:

1. What has to be broken before you can use it?
2. What belongs to you but is used more by others?

*Last week's answer: the letter 'U'*



## spotlight on...

### Getting involved!

*Each fortnight we will focus on a different student issue – email [news@helsbyhigh.org.uk](mailto:news@helsbyhigh.org.uk) if there are any issues you would like more information about.*

There are so many things that you can do in your local communities that will give you so much experience and good feelings. There are also things that you can get involved with nationally that will help with your skills and that looks fantastic on your CV!

#### What sort of things are there to do?

Groups like Scouts are fantastic for those of you who enjoy being active and getting out and about. They offer lots of opportunities and this year some of our local scout group are fundraising for their once in a lifetime trip to Norway!

Then there are the Army Cadets who do similar things to the Scouts, and also the Sea Cadets for those of you who enjoy being out on the water. There are lots of local groups that you can get involved in so get Googling to see what's available near you.

If you want to get a nationally recognised award for doing something adventurous, then have a think about doing the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award, or the National Citizen Service (NCS) award. Both of these involve spending time away from home and gaining independence, team work and having fun! You get the opportunity to spend time volunteering in the community, going on expeditions, residential trips and making a difference to your life but also to those around you.

**So, start today and get signed up for the summer!**

# Year 7 Mock Election

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Last week, Year 7 were keeping up with current affairs and held their own mock election in assembly.

They had spent time researching each party and presented their arguments and parties' policies to the rest of their year, and each person had a chance to vote in their own mock election. They provided information on how the General Election works, and how MPs gain seats in Parliament.

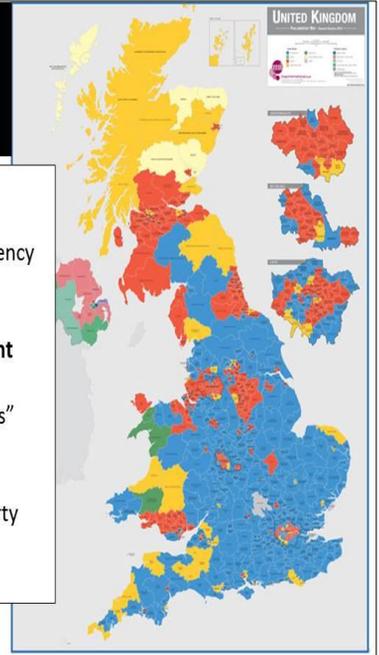
## General Election 2017

The country is divided into to **constituencies** and people vote for someone to represent their constituency

Whoever gets the most votes in a constituency gets a **seat** in **parliament**

Whichever party gets the most "seats" forms the **Government**

At the moment the **Conservative** party have the most seats so they are our Government



Year 7 mock general election on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

## THE RESULTS: Weaver Vale

PARTY	CANDIDATE	PERCENTAGE	STATUS
Labour	 Mike Amesbury	44%	WINNER
Green Party	 Christopher Copeman	33%	
Conservative	 Graham Evans	14%	
Liberal Democrat	 Paul Roberts	9%	

Candidates listed alphabetically by surname

The votes were counted and the Labour candidate won with a majority of 44%! Their next choice would have been the Green Party candidate, with the Conservative Party only bringing in 14% of the votes, and Liberal Democrats last with 9%. This reflected what happened in the general election and it gave Year 7 a good understanding of how a general election works, and why it is so important to vote!