

# South Wirral Digest

# TESCO

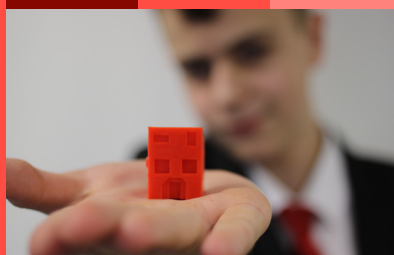


## TESCO GRANT KICK STARTS PLANS TO REVAMP SCHOOL'S ECO GARDEN



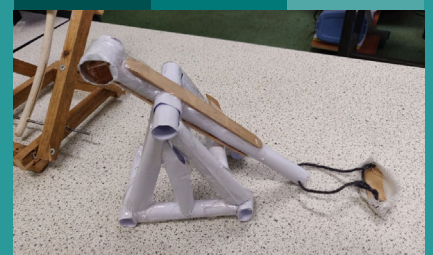
Year 8 STEM Day

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Energy Transfer Devices in Home Learning

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## KEY DATES

### SPRING TERM

Tuesday 5th March -  
Tomorrow's Engineers (Y7)  
Wednesday 6th March -  
CIAG Day & Trip (Y8)  
Thursday 7th March -  
Wheelchair Basketball (Y9, 10, 13)  
Thursday 7th March -  
Lady Lever Trip (Y11)  
Saturday 9th March -  
6 Nations Trip (Y10, 11)  
Tuesday 12th March -  
F1 In Schools Trip (Y9)  
Tuesday 19th March -  
Hadlow (English) Trip (Y7)  
Thursday 21st March -  
STEM Lego Day (Y8)

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Wednesday 27th March -  
Parents Evening & Assessments (Y8)  
Wednesday 27th March -  
Old Holly Farm/Ice Cream Farm (Y7)

## SOCIAL MEDIA:

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# FRIENDS

of  
South Wirral High School

## 'FRIENDS OF SOUTH WIRRAL' BOARD VOTING NOW OPEN

Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/friendsofsw](http://www.tinyurl.com/friendsofsw) to read a little bit about each of the candidates and cast your vote. The deadline is midday on **Monday 4th March**. Our Friends of South Wirral Group is a group of parents and members of our school community that will come together throughout the year to help support and raise funds for our school.

The group's core aims are:

- To support South Wirral High School mission statement "Raising Achievement in partnership with families and the community"
- To raise money to further develop facilities enabling the school to offer a broader range of curriculum.

- To increase the school's capacity to provide facilities and support to the local community.

- To give families the opportunity to come together for social events.

We look forward to working closely with the group and our local community.



## GRANT AWARDED TO HELP DEVELOP ECO GARDEN

**WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INFORM PARENTS THAT WE WERE AWARDED A GRANT OF £1,000 FROM THE TESCO BAGS FOR SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN. THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO PUT THEIR SHOPPING TOKENS IN OUR COLLECTION.**

**W**ith this grant we are able to start work on our new look Eco Garden. Work will be commencing soon with clearing out the space ready to create a sustainable garden that will be used by students from a range of subjects including food technology, photography, Summer School and much more. When the garden has been cleared we will be looking to create an additional extra curricular

club to help create and maintain the garden throughout the year.

New to the garden in 2019 will be a range of weather sensors to allow students in our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects to take advantage of the space and add another dimension to our lessons.

**If parents have any spare garden tools such as trowels, spades, hand forks, wheelbarrows we would be grateful of any donations. This would allow us to focus the grant on other equipment. If you have any donations please email [hello@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:hello@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk)**

We look forward to updating you on our progress. Watch this “green” space.



# FORMER SIXTH FORM STUDENT NOMINATED FOR BRITISH EDUCATION AWARDS

**FORMER SIXTH FORM @ SOUTH WIRRAL STUDENT TOM JONES WAS RECENTLY NOMINATED FOR AN AWARD AT THE THIRD ANNUAL BRITISH EDUCATION AWARDS.**

**T**om was the highest achiever on his BTEC Level 3 Diploma Business Studies course gaining 2D\* along with D in BTEC Travel & Tourism. A proactive and popular member of the class he took a lead in coordinating field trips demonstrating excellent organisational and time management skills. He was also instrumental in ongoing classroom fundraising activities. Tom won a place to study International Business at University of Liverpool.

Assistant Head of Sixth Form Mrs Skeldon - who nominated him - told us:

"I nominated Tom because of his consistency in BTEC subjects - Travel & Tourism and Business Studies diploma. He quietly got on with his studies and strived to improve all the time. He was confident and funny a very pleasant and polite young man. Helpful and supportive of everyone else too. He was great at organising the London trip for his business studies group

and dealing with professional companies. A deserving winner."

The British Education Awards (BEA) celebrates the academic and extracurricular achievements of students in the UK. Seventy-six candidates were shortlisted at BEA 2019, with the winners announced at an official ceremony on 31st January, at Hilton Manchester Deansgate.

Awards were presented to winners in five regions, including England (divided into two zones), Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales; and within four categories - GCSE or Scottish National 5, A Level or Scottish Advanced Higher, Vocational and Degree.

Students attending the prestigious event at the iconic Beetham Tower in Manchester this January will enjoy

a free three-course gala dinner and entertainment, and celebrate alongside education professionals, politicians and celebrities.

British Education Awards organiser, Amin Chowdhury said: "This year's British Education Awards Finalists have shown an admirable level of focus and dedication to their studies, invariably balancing demanding timetables of external activities alongside their official curriculum to achieve incredible academic results.

"We are extremely proud to be able to honour them at the third British Education Awards and hope that, as BEA Ambassadors, their example will encourage others to make the most of the education and learning opportunities available here in Britain."



## FORMER STUDENT FINALIST FOR TOP GOLF AWARD

**C**ongratulations to former South Wirral student, Louise McLoughlin, who has been nominated for England Golf's Young Ambassador of the Year Award.

The winner will be announced at the England Golf Awards 2019, at an event in London on the 21st of March.

We wish you the best of luck!





# YEAR 8 STEM DAY - I'M NOT A CELEBRITY - GET ME OUT OF HERE!

**SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD, SOUTH WIRRAL HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 8 STUDENTS ARE HAVING AN ADVENTURE UNTIL A TERRIBLE STORM RAGES THROUGH AND DUMPS GALLONS OF WATER IN A MATTER OF MINUTES...**

The intense rain causes mud slides and creates a ravine, separating several students. In the panic, some students step through thick bush to find a way across, when one steps on a brown snake - one of the most venomous snakes in the world!

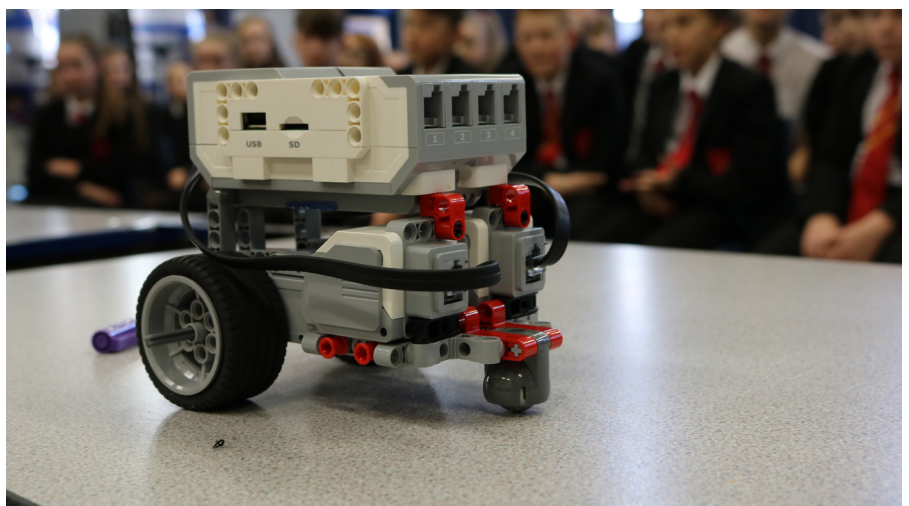
Injured, the student needs help urgently. They need the anti-venom!

In the most recent edition of STEM days, students had to use their coding skills in order to build a Lego robot to transport the cure. An anti-venom was then developed in Science, with a potent blend including sauerkraut juice required to heal the patient.

Mr McLoughlin took students outside to teach them the basics of outdoor survival - lighting fires to keep warm in the outback.

The Maths faculty helped students become more aware about their environment through a series of taste, smell and sight tests.

Finally, students had to build a bridge to cross the ravine, transporting the anti-venom within the Lego robot. Congratulations to all students who took part in rescuing their injured classmate!





# PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS & SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

**WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DESIGNING A NEW PRESENTATION FOLDER AND WOULD LIKE TO OPEN IT UP FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES TO ADVERTISE IN. WE WOULD BE VERY KEEN FOR YOU TO SUPPORT US BY PLACING AN ADVERT OR MESSAGE OF SUPPORT IN OUR NEW PRESENTATION FOLDERS.**

The folders will be distributed to parents of the school, governors, teachers, visitors and feeder schools at various events such as parents evenings and open days throughout the year over a two year period. Each parent will receive the folder along with the student reports throughout the year.

Any additional funds we raise from this project will be used to enhance our extra-curricular offer

to our students and the local community. E.g. Sporting facilities and performance equipment.

We would be delighted if you could support this venture so that we can promote the school in the most cost-effective way, thus maximising use of our budget on the students' learning. You would be promoting your business and supporting your local school by taking part.

### How does it work?

**Advert space (10cm x 5cm)  
- £100 + VAT**

**For each additional space you buy you get 10% off e.g. buy two squares for £180 + VAT**

**If you sponsor us you receive the following benefits:**

- **Advert 10cm x 5cm in 3,500 folders**
- **Free design service if required**
- **Advert in our School Newsletter for the 2 years.**
- **Advert on a page on our website showing local companies who have supported us.**

We also have other sponsorship options available such as Sports kits etc. Please get in touch if you want to discuss these further or any other ways we can work together. If you would like to take part please email us at [hello@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:hello@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk) or call us on 0151 327 3213 and ask for Tom Moseley or Andrew Stewart.

*Please note all adverts to be displayed in the presentation folder are at the discretion of the school.*



## STAFF TAKE PART IN BIRKENHEAD PARK RUN FOR CLAIRE HOUSE

Over the past school year, a number of members of staff have been taking part in 'ParkRun' - a weekly running group that exercise every Saturday morning in various parks throughout the country.

Their most recent outing was in late January, when the team got together to run the new-look course. 12 South Wirral runners

enjoyed an unseasonably warm morning of running with the aim of not only have fun and improve their both physical and mental fitness, but also to raise money for Claire House Children's Hospice.

If you would like to donate towards the runners, please visit:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/southwirralhighschool](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/southwirralhighschool)



Claire House  
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

## MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 FREE FOR ALL!

Remember - all students are eligible for a free copy of Microsoft Office just for attending South Wirral High School. You can install it on up to five devices, and it works on Windows, Macs, iPhones, and iPads.

To take advantage of this offer just log into your student email account and click on Office 365 at the top left of the screen and click install. Or you can click on the banner on the front of Moodle for a full step by step guide with login details.



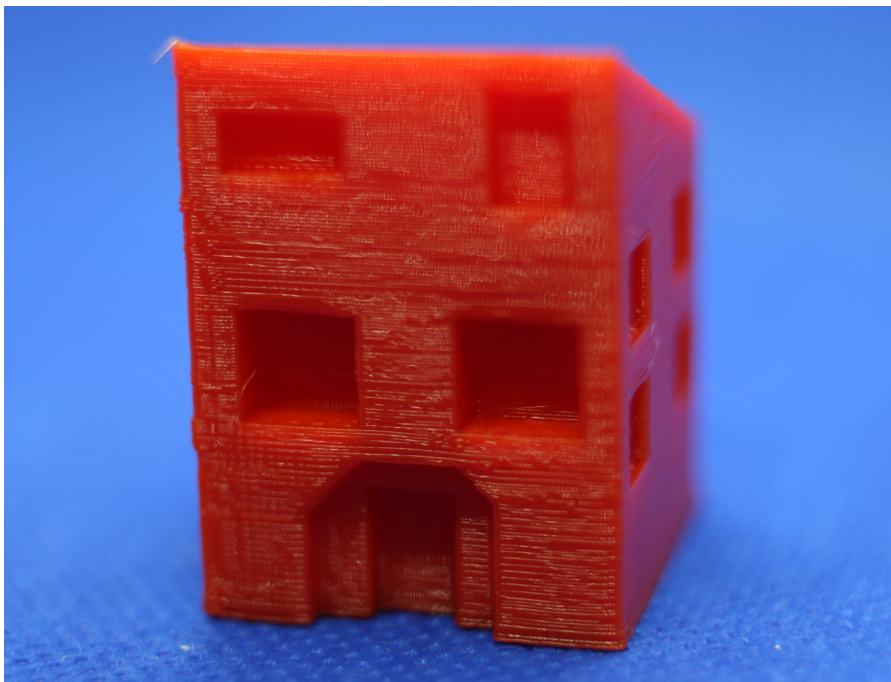
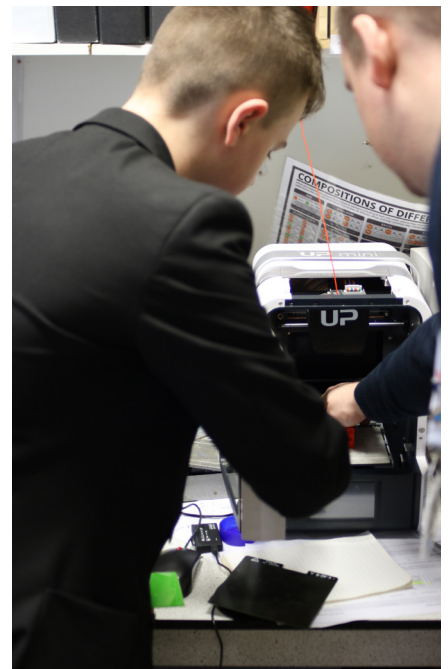
# MY EXPERIENCE IN 3D PRINTING CLUB

I joined 3d printing club because I wanted to test the new technological advancements in 3d printing I first heard and this is where my interest came from when in primary when they brought a 3d printer in for business day when they said there were only three in the Wirral. The reason I joined was to see how truly amazing 3d printing is.

During my time in 3d club we were given a 3cm by 3cm cube to

build in {30mm by 30mm} In the process of making this we use CAD to model our models I ended up making a wonderful house which took many weeks. But in the weeks it took to make I learned a lot of new things about printing like filaments and sizing I have now earned during this club my 1st level 3d printing certificate

- George, Year 9







Held in P1

Wednesday after school until 4:15pm



Year 9-13



\*See Mr Roberts for more information

# NEW LOOK 'PARENT PORTAL'

## A REMINDER ABOUT OUR RECENTLY LAUNCHED PARENT PORTAL CALLED EDULINK ONE.

The portal allows you to easily access up to date information about your child at South Wirral High School in one place. The information you can access includes:

- Attendance
- Assessments
- Timetable
- School Reports
- Exam Details
- School Calendar
- Pledges
- House Points

It also serves as a hub for all our school information with links to our other services including Parentmail and our school social media accounts. Parents with existing accounts will notice new features such as being able to view their child's school reports via the portal.

There is a free EduLink One App you can download for Android or Apple devices. This app allows you

to access all the information on a tablet or smartphone plus receive messages from school. We would encourage parents to download the app as this will enable us to send messages to you in the future.

All parents should now have received their login details for EduLink One - if you would like these sending again, email [parentshelp@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:parentshelp@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk)

You can access the portal via any of the following methods:

Link on our website:  
[www.southwirral.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.southwirral.wirral.sch.uk)  
(including a beginners guide)

Link on Moodle:  
<http://moodle.southwirral.wirral.sch.uk>

Direct:  
<https://southwirral.edulinkone.com>

We hope that you find EduLink One a helpful tool for supporting your child's education.



## HOME ACCESS PLUS

With HAP+ students are now able to access your school my documents and the Student-Drive from anywhere with internet access.

All you have to do is go onto Moodle and click the blue cloud icon at the top right of the screen, log in with your school credentials and click 'my files.'

If you need any further information, click on the banner at the top of Moodle.



### Home Access Plus+

School Resources in the Cloud

Username:

Password:



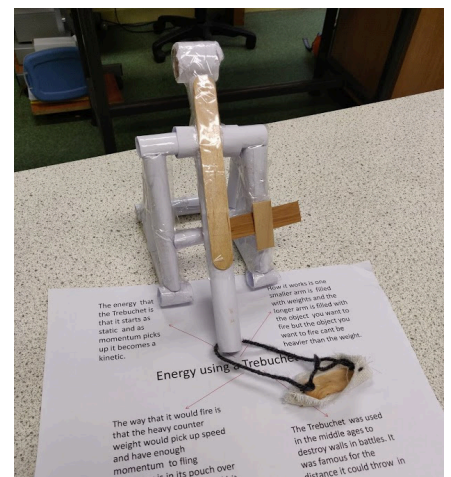
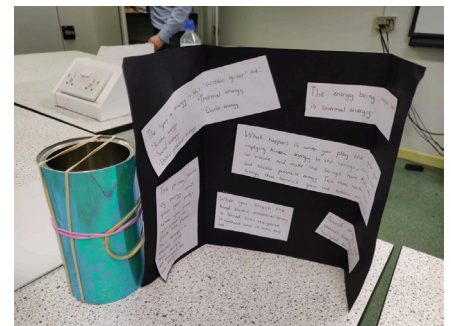
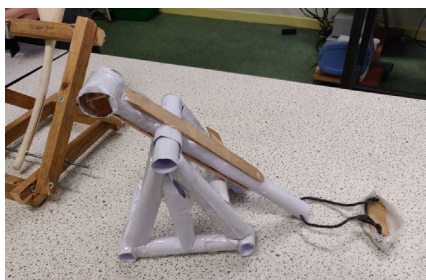
# SCIENCE STUDENTS CATAPULT THEIR WAY TO TOP GRADES

**Y**ear 7 Science students have been working hard during one of this half term's Home Learning task - to design and build their own 'Energy Transfer Device'.

With a broad brief, students were very inventive with their creations - ranging from some very powerful catapults and trebuchets to great sounding musical instruments.

Students were also asked to describe how their device works using scientific terms, explaining the development of the energy through static to kinetic as momentum increases.

Well done to our Year 7 students for showing great initiative and creativity in this task!



## DVD FILMS NEEDED

**D**o you have any age-appropriate DVD or Blu-Ray films that you would like to donate to the school?

During the winter months, and when the weather is particularly poor - students are encouraged to have their lunch in the main hall

and enjoy a film in our 'Film Club'.

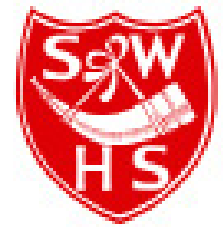
We're running low on films, and would like to refresh our catalogue for 2019.

If you have any unwanted discs, please give them to Mr Stewart in P3, who will put them into rotation.



# FACILITIES HIRE

## AT SOUTH WIRRAL HIGH SCHOOL



We offer a wide range of facilities at competitive rates, especially suited to Sports & Performing Arts groups

- **2 Sports Halls**

(SUITABLE FOR FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, NETBALL, BADMINTON, CRICKET, ROUNDERS, JUDO, MARTIAL ARTS, HOCKEY, TABLE TENNIS, FITNESS CLASSES, MAJORETTES/CADETS & MORE)

- **2 Football Pitches**

- **2 Rugby Pitches**

- **Tennis Courts**

- **Dance Studio**

(SUITABLE FOR DANCE & FITNESS CLASSES)

- **Drama Studio**

(SUITABLE FOR DRAMA, DANCE, FITNESS CLASSES)

- **Large Main Hall**

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Discounts for block bookings

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