



Dear Parents and Carers

15 November 2017

We were very pleased last week to welcome to Birkdale High School Damien Moore who was elected last summer as the Member of Parliament for Southport. He was keen to hear as much as possible about our school, our results last year and how passionate we all are about boys' education and bucking the general trend for boys' achievement nationally. He also listened carefully about general concerns Sefton schools have (and nationally) regarding funding cuts for education and the impact this is having on schools trying to provide the best possible opportunities for their students wherever and whoever they are. He was genuinely impressed with the behaviour of the boys and their engagement in lessons and took time to meet the School Council and answer their challenging questions on, for instance, his views on MPs who do not live in their constituencies and Brexit. He extended an invitation to the boys to visit Westminster this year and Mrs Marshall is now looking at the most suitable date to take a group of boys down to London. We hope that this will become an annual event.

Appropriately this week is one of our PHSCE weeks and boys have been looking at a range of topics including British Values, such as democracy, tolerance and rule of law. Boys have also looked at topics relating to wellbeing such as strategies for saying no to drugs, tobacco etc. Year 10 are going to the Skills Show in Birmingham tomorrow, the biggest Careers Fair in the country. Again a big thank you to Mrs Marshall for putting this programme together. Education goes beyond subjects and grades (important as they are) and these enrichment opportunities are a crucial part of every student's development. Today the focus for Year 11 was on exam preparation and they spent part of the day with outside contributors exploring revision techniques and strategies. They should have brought a handout home for you to look at with them.

Also in our letter this week we have news about our forthcoming Christmas production, the Southport Rotary Public Speaking Competition, sporting achievements and opportunities for boys.



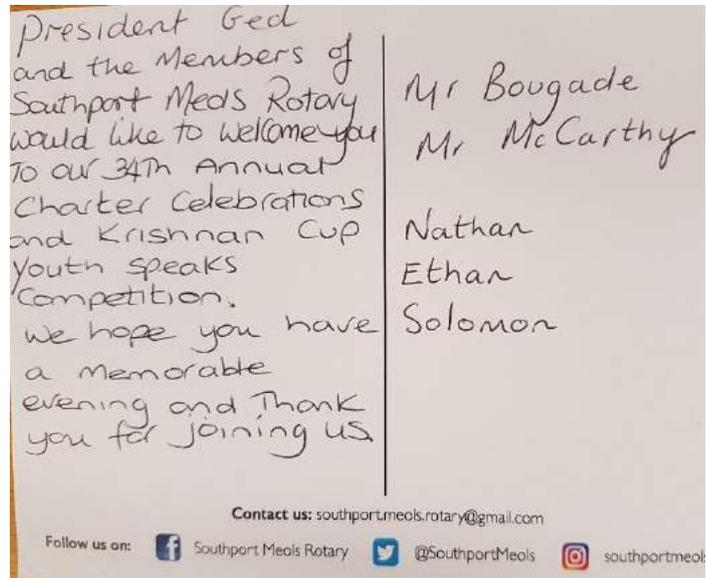
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SOUTHPORT ROTARY CLUB PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



Congratulations to Nathan Crewe, Ethan Mosson and Solomon Palmer on their excellent performance at last night's Southport Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition at the Ramada Hotel. They didn't win, but gave a very good account of themselves against stiff competition.
Mr McCarthy

FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION – WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.00PM

Rehearsals are underway for this year's festive performance which will take place in the Media Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 13 December. The evening will comprise a range of entertainment including 3 'potted pantomimes' which the GCSE students are busy preparing and which will be great fun for all the family!

The BPA will be serving refreshments and running a raffle during the evening so if you have any prizes to donate then please send these into school marked for my attention.

Tickets will go on sale next week and can be purchased from the Main reception.

Mrs Jeffery

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

As part of Anti Bullying week our Year 8 Peer Mentors have been going into Year 7 forms and delivering an anti-bullying presentation explaining to them different forms of bullying, showing a short video clip and explaining where to go to get help and support.

Mrs Nightingale

BUS STRIKES

Please be aware that Arriva buses are going to be on strike on the following days: Monday 20 and 27 November.

PE/SPORTS REPORT

Rugby

The Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby Teams played Ormskirk School yesterday at Birkdale.

The Year 8's ran out convincing winners against a much bigger and physical Ormskirk side. They are now playing St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst in a Lancashire block fixture on Wednesday at Stonyhurst. The match report and pictures will be in next week's Wednesday letter.

The Year 7 Birkdale Storm team started the game against Ormskirk with some aggressive, front foot rugby resulting in a 4 tries to 1 lead at half time. For the second half the Birkdale Sharks came on to face the Ormskirk A Team and despite a promising start the boys missed a number of tackles and conceded a number of tries. There were some glimpses of promise as the Sharks started to pass the ball from one side of the field to the other. The Storm and the Sharks are back in action next Monday at Birkdale against Manchester Grammar A & B Teams.

Mr Thorne

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JACK BRITTON – 10PZM

Last week Jack went over to Portugal to compete in the Portuguese Taekwondo International as part of the GB team. With 11 countries competing it was a tough competition but Jack came away with Silver in the U17 team and Bronze in the U17 pairs competitions. It was a great experience for him. Well done Jack!



GREEN MACHINE

Members of the Green Machine had a good time at lunch time on Monday, when they recycled old Christmas cards, turning them into lovely **Christmas gift tags**. Thanks to Mrs. Stirling for her help and enthusiasm! Some took their gift tags home to use. The other gift tags will be sold in aid of Red Squirrels. Details in next week's Wednesday letter.

Switch off Fortnight, the Annual Energy Saving Campaign, is 20th November – 3rd December this year. It's an opportunity for us to think about how we can save energy (and money!) by switching off appliances when they are not actually needed. Thousands of children and staff all over the country will be taking part. Staff have access to exciting resources to use in their lessons. Screen savers will be on all the boys' computers, reminding them to save energy. Members of the Green Machine will be conducting an energy audit, to see whether the fortnight makes any difference to the number of electrical items left on around the school!

All welcome to attend a presentation about **FRACKING** after school on Tuesday, 21st November in the Media Hall. This should be very interesting and informative. It will not be political. The speakers will just mention facts, so that we can make up our own minds about the issue.

Mrs Bradley

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SEFTON CVS – YOUNG ADVISORS

Sefton CVS are looking to recruit Young Advisors. This opportunity is open to young people aged 15 to 22 and the purpose of the role is to work with adults to engage young people in services, making sure young people have a voice in how services are designed and run. Further information, including a job description and application form are attached to this newsletter.

LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC YOUTH CHOIR

The Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Choir is looking to audition young male tenor and bass players up to the age of 19. Membership to Youth Choir will include a performance with Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Orchestra of Vivaldi *Gloria* in July 2018, as well as access to Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Company's range of activities, including conducting, composing, master classes and Youth Company Big Band.

Applications for auditions can be made via <http://www.liverpoolphil.com/lpyc>. Please also find further information attached to this newsletter. **The deadline for applications is Friday 15 December 2017.**

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

The British Heart Foundation collect unwanted household items free of charge. The service is available 6 days a week and all drivers have been DBS checked and carry I.D. lanyards. It is a great way to help reduce landfill locally and saves people time and money in taking items to the tip themselves, as well as raising money for a good cause.

The BHF relies heavily on donated items from the public and each and every item collected truly makes a difference. They collect a vast array of items including beds, sofas, chairs, TVs, lamps, fridges and freezers, washing machines, wardrobes, chests of drawers etc. The only stipulation by law is that anything upholstered, for example sofas, mattresses and chairs, must contain a fire safety label. More information is attached to this newsletter.

It is also worth noting that the British Heart Foundation is currently looking for volunteers to help in their furniture and electrical store on Lord Street in Southport. It is a great way to make new friends, learn new skills, and they offer NVQ certificates too.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Bourgade
Headteacher

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Sefton Young Advisors - Job Description

Purpose of the job:

Young Advisors (YAs) are young people aged 15 – 22. The purpose of the job is to work with adults to engage young people in services, making sure young people have a voice in how services are designed and run.

Types of work you might do:

- Use a range of methods to facilitate consultations with young people in your area, to identify their needs and support them in influencing change in their communities.
- Work with adults to engage and maintain the interest of young people in the planning, management and review of services.
- Produce young person friendly information and materials - “youth-proofing”.
- Link with other existing young people’s groups, networks and forums in Sefton.
- Engage with individuals and the community through various mediums, e.g. social media, meetings and consultations.
- Participate in essential training, e.g. safeguarding, communication skills, leadership training.

Person Specification

We are particularly interested in seeing evidence of **some** of the following skills in your application form and through the interview:

Ability to approach situations in different and creative ways
Ability to work well in a team and as an individual
Passionate people who can form and defend an opinion
Acceptance of difference and diversity
Willingness to learn and try new things
Professionalism and organisation when appropriate
Innovative, with the ability to take an idea and grow it
Friendly and personable with a good sense of humour
Supportive of others
Committed- to the team and to doing the best you can
Ability to think logically or strategically

Young Advisors are employed and managed by Sefton CVS. Young Advisors will be paid minimum wage until after the training period and then £8 per hour. The job is very flexible and will fit around your lifestyle as far as possible (e.g. school, college and part-time work commitments). If you have not left the job for some reason already, Young Advisors have to retire on their 23rd birthday – this is because the job is only for young people aged 15 - 22.

You will have SOME of the skills in the person specification when you start as a Young Advisor but will receive a lot of training to help build on those skills and develop more. You will be supported by regular one-to-one meetings, full team meetings and a mentor.

As the role will involve direct work with children and young people, we will carry out a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. However, each case will be assessed differently and offences that come up on a check do not necessarily mean the person will be turned down for the role.

If you want to find out more, check out the Sefton Young Advisor's website <http://sefton.youngadvisors.org.uk/>

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sefton-Young-Advisors/228023883910344>

Twitter - @SeftonYAs

Application for becoming a Sefton Young Advisor

Checklist

Before you send this form back to us, make sure you are also including these things:

- Completed Application Form with your signature and the date at the end (by typing your name we will accept that as your signature).
- Completed Disability Confident form
- Completed Criminal Convictions Declaration

Additional Information and Support

If you'd like to find out more about the role and get some support with your application then please contact Jo via email or text.

07850 328022

young.advisors@seftoncv.org.uk

Please return this application, along with the other required forms to:

**Sefton CVS (Recruitment), Burlington House, Suite 3B 3rd Floor, North Wing
Crosby Road North, L22 0LG**

Or by email to: young.advisors@seftoncv.org.uk

Sefton CVS wants to make sure that everyone who applies for a job is treated fairly and given the same opportunities. Please complete every question fully to give yourself the best chance of getting to interview.

All applicants should look at the Guidance Notes to help them fill in this form. Assistance can be given when completing your application- just get in touch with the team.

Due to the nature of the role and our recruitment process, please note that there is sometimes a delay in between us receiving your application form and contacting you for interview.

Please do NOT include a separate C.V.

Please use black ink or black type when completing this application

If you would prefer a digital copy of the form, please email young.advisors@seftoncv.org.uk or visit <http://sefton.youngadvisors.org.uk>

If you would prefer to voice record your answers to the application questions or need assistance to complete the form, then email young.advisors@seftoncv.org.uk for more information.

Name:

Home Address:

Post Code (necessary):

Telephone (day):

Telephone (eve.):

Email:

Date of Birth (you must be aged 15 – 21 to apply):

Skills needed to be a Young Advisor

Please read the skills needed to be a Young Advisor at the bottom of the job description and tell us about your **skills** & **experience** in each of the following areas.
If you need more space, please securely attach any additional sheets to your application form.

Provide an example of when you have worked as part of a team. What was the team? What was your role or contribution and what was the team trying to achieve? For example, you might have been in a sports team, on the school council or other youth forum for young people or taken part in a Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) or NCS programme.



As Young Advisors we promote youth voice and participation. Name a time when you feel you had your voice heard – how did you feel and what was the impact?

Tell us about something you've done that you are proud of.



Please tell us about any interests, hobbies or community groups that you are involved in (include any voluntary work, clubs or sporting activities).

In preparation for your answer to this question you need to make yourself aware of any issues that particularly affect young people in Sefton. What is the impact of this issue on young people? If you were a Young Advisor, what would you do to support them?



Please use this space to tell us anything else about you that might support your application.



Life Experiences and Work Experience

(Please tell us about past and present work and life experiences, as well as any future plans that you may have. This can be paid work, voluntary work, school placements/work experience, courses/training you've done; time spent caring for others etc. You can also include membership of School Councils, Youth Council/Cabinet, or other youth forum membership.)

DETAILS (including dates you are/ were involved)

Empty box for providing details of life and work experiences.

References

(Please provide the names and addresses of two people who are willing to give you a reference. This could be a teacher, a youth worker, a social worker or an adult who has known you for a long time. They should not be a family member)

<p>Name of 1st referee:</p> <p>How they know you, e.g. teacher:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Postcode:</p> <p>Email:</p>
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<p>Name of 2nd referee:</p> <p>How they know you, e.g. social worker:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Postcode:</p> <p>Email:</p>
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Please note that referees will only be contacted **if you are offered the post.**

<p>Where did you see this post advertised?</p>

Tick this box if you are happy for Sefton CVS to keep your details on file for 6 months so that we can contact you should a suitable vacancy arise.

Declaration:

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information I have provided in this application is correct and understand that if it is discovered that any statements are false or misleading I could have my application disqualified or subsequently could be dismissed from employment.

Signature..... Date.....

Please note that if you are under 16 and invited for an interview, we will need to seek parental consent.



Sefton CVS

Supporting Local Communities

PLEASE NOTE

The information you provide on this form will be treated as strictly confidential by Sefton CVS, and will only be considered if the other information you provide indicates that you are a suitable candidate for the post.

Please complete the form where marked and insert it into an envelope (if returned by post) marked “**Conviction Declaration – For the attention of the Human Resources Department only**” and return it with your application.

Unspent Criminal Convictions

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (as amended) helps rehabilitated ex-offenders back into work by allowing them not to declare criminal convictions after the rehabilitation period set by the Court has elapsed and the convictions become 'spent'. During the rehabilitation period, convictions are referred to as 'unspent' convictions and should be disclosed to employers if asked for.

Sefton CVS shall not discriminate against applicants on the basis of a criminal conviction or other information declared.

You are required to declare all current 'unspent' criminal convictions or cautions (including reprimands and final warnings). You are not required to disclose convictions or cautions which have become 'spent'. Answering 'yes' to the question below will not necessarily bar you from appointment. This will depend on the relevance of the information you provide in respect of the nature of the position for which you are applying and the particular circumstances.

Are you currently bound over or do you have any current 'unspent' convictions or cautions (including reprimands or warnings) that have been issued by a Court or Court-Martial in the United Kingdom or in any other country?

Yes

No



Spent Criminal Convictions

There are a number of posts within Sefton CVS that are exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (as amended). As the post you have applied for falls within this category we are entitled to ask you for details of any spent convictions.

Applicants for such exempt posts are not entitled to withhold any information about convictions or other relevant criminal record information which for other purposes are 'spent' under the provisions of the Act. If you are successful with this application, a failure to disclose such information could result in dismissal or disciplinary action. Any information provided will be confidential and will be considered only in relation to posts to which the Order applies. We reserve the right to undertake a standard check with the Disclosure and Barring Service prior to confirming the appointment of an applicant in order to confirm the existence or not of spent convictions. Our policy on the suitability of ex-offenders is available on request from the Human Resources department.

Are you currently bound over or have you ever been convicted of any offence by a Court or Court-Martial in the United Kingdom or in any other country?

Yes

No

If YES, please include details of the order binding you over and/or the nature of the offence, the penalty, sentence or order of the Court, and the date and place of the Court hearing. Please note: you do not need to tell us about parking offences.

Working with Children or Vulnerable Adults (“Regulated Activity”)

We require all individuals applying for positions which involve 'regulated activity' to have an enhanced criminal record check with a check against the barred lists for working with children and/or vulnerable adults. The full definition of 'regulated activity' is defined in full under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (as amended by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012) which came into force on 10 September 2012.

If you have been barred from working with children or with vulnerable adults, you should not apply for any post which involves regulated activity as doing so may constitute a criminal offence.



Declaration

I declare that the information you have given on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. In addition, I understand that any false information or deliberate omission in the information I have given on this form may disqualify me for employment in connection with Sefton Council for Voluntary Service

Your Name

Post Applied For

Signature

Date

DISABILITY CONFIDENT EMPLOYER

Sefton CVS have been awarded the Disability Confident Employer accreditation, thanks to our commitment to the recruitment, employment, retention and career development of disabled people.

The Disability Confident Scheme includes a guaranteed interview for any disabled applicant who meets the common and specific requirements for a job (please refer to the Person Specification).

What we mean by disability

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone who has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

How to apply

Simply complete the information requested below, sign the declaration and attach it with your application form.

Do you require any reasonable adjustments at interview? (delete as appropriate)	Yes/No
If you answered Yes to the previous question, please give details below:	

* Any information you give will be treated in confidence.

Declaration

I consider myself to have a disability as defined above and I would like to apply under the Guaranteed Interview Scheme.

Name	
Date	
Signature	

Any false declaration of disability to obtain an interview will subsequently invalidate any contract of employment.

Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Choir is Recruiting *Tenors and Basses*

Applicants should:

- Love singing!
- Want to perform at the highest level
- Be able to read music
- Be singing tenor/baritone/bass
- Be dedicated and enthusiastic
- Be able to attend weekly Monday night rehearsals in central Liverpool

Applications for auditions are open now
via www.liverpoolphil.com/lpyc

Auditions will take place in January 2018
and successful singers will join the Youth
Choir in February 2018.

For more information contact
youthensembles@liverpoolphil.com



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Your unwanted items still have a lot to give. We'll take them to your local British Heart Foundation store to find them a new life. It's free and fast and the funds raised could help save countless lives.

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- Tables, chairs, desks, cabinets
- Beds and bedroom furniture
- TVs, Hi-Fis, washing machines, small electricals
- Clothes, shoes, books, DVDs, CDs, bric-a-brac and toys

There are some items we can't take for safety or quality reasons.



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ITEMS DONATED TO BHF STORES WILL FUND LIFE SAVING RESEARCH

When Gabriela was born there were lots of things wrong with her heart. Despite a major operation when she was just five weeks old, she wasn't putting on weight and kept turning blue. Since then, there have been many more operations but she is improving and now enjoys P.E. and hula hooping.

Help continue to fund life saving heart research that can impact more children like Gabriela.

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Gabriela,
aged 8.
Survivor



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You may not want your old sofa, TV or fridge,
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