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# The Cornovii Trust

## STRONGER TOGETHER

### Dear Parents / Carers, Colleagues and Students

We are delighted to welcome Malbank School and 6th Form College, Nantwich into our local trust. They will join The Cornovii Trust on 1st



January 2026 and it is a school we know very well, given the partnership working that has taken place in Nantwich over many years.



As I have previously stated, Malbank School and 6th Form will be a fantastic addition to our group of local schools, bringing with them a dedicated and talented team of staff, fantastic young people and fresh ideas. What is most exciting, is the opportunities this will bring for the young people of Nantwich, as both of the secondary schools in the town can meaningfully collaborate to further improve the educational provision in the local area. I would like to thank Mr Harrison (Headteacher at Malbank), all the staff and the governing body at the school for their vision, leadership and commitment to making this exciting idea a reality.

So, our local trust continues to grow and there are exciting times ahead for all our schools, in which we will be stronger together through supporting each other, collaborating to provide

- Welcome Malbank School & 6th Form College
- Goodbye and thank you, Mrs Reissing
- GCSE, BTEC & A level results
- Cornovii Cup update

more opportunities for our children and staff, providing the best possible value for money and helping to raise standards even higher. Please remember, you can always find more details on our website [www.thecornovii.org](http://www.thecornovii.org) and you can follow us on social media, which will keep you updated on our work, various activities and job vacancies across all sites.

Just as we welcome colleagues

from Malbank, we are also saying "goodbye and thank you" to Mrs Reissing, our Chief Financial Officer,

who is retiring this Christmas. Mrs Reissing has worked in our trust, in its many different guises, for 14 years and has been

pivotal in driving us forward and

getting us to the position we are in now. Without her, The Cornovii Trust would not exist and we would not be the thriving trust of 8 schools that we are today. I have worked closely with Sue for all this time and am extremely grateful for all her hard work and support over many years.



I shared with you a summary of our brilliant primary school results in the July newsletter, our two secondary schools enjoyed some fantastic GCSE, BTEC and A level results in the summer. Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 2025 results at both Alsager School and Brine Leas, were well above regional and national figures in all areas.

Congratulations to all the young people who achieved such brilliant results and many thanks for the invaluable support from parents, carers and families. A special thank you to every member of staff in both schools, all of whom helped to contribute to such a superb set of results.



Performance Indicator – set by the Department for Education	% of pupils achieving x5 GCSEs including Eng & Maths at Grade 4+	% of pupils achieving x5 GCSEs including Eng & Maths at Grade 5+	Attainment 8 score (each pupil's average GCSE score across 8 subjects)	% of pupils achieving the EBacc at Grade 4+	Key Stage 5 value added score (based on each pupil's GCSE data)
National Average	65%	45%	45.9	25%	0
Cheshire East Average	67%	45%	46.5	24%	-0.1
The Cornovii Trust Average	76%	53%	51	33%	+0.27

These headline figures clearly indicate that we are a high achieving and successful trust when it comes to pupil outcomes. There is much more detail on performance data on each individual school's websites.

However, as with any successful organisation, we are always looking at how we can improve, raise standards even further, better support our young people, families and develop our staff. For these reasons, we have recently appointed Mrs Walker as Executive SENCO to work across our schools to see how we can best support some of our most vulnerable young people. We have sourced additional support for our schools in the areas of dyslexia and support with attendance matters. Our two Family Liaison Officers, Mrs Cliffe and Mrs Potts, have also produced a brilliant [signposting resource for our families and young people](#) who are looking for local support on a wide range of issues.

Mrs Bentley (Brine Leas) and Mrs Martin (Alsager), have designed a brilliant range of CPD programmes for all our staff, across all our schools. Mrs Woollam and Mrs Harrison (Alsager Highfields), continue to drive our writing framework, high expectations and literacy moderation that takes place across all our primary schools. Mr Barker (Brine Leas), is driving an excellent maths transition project involving staff from all our schools, in an attempt to make that move from primary to secondary as smooth as possible when it comes to maths (as we have done previously with English). We are







of course still running The Cornovii Cup competition between the two secondary schools, Alsager and Brine Leas. In an exciting addition this year, 4 of our primary schools came together to form The Cornovii Choir. They entered the Cheshire Police Carol Competition and met to practice and perform at Pear Tree Primary in Nantwich. Unfortunately, they did not make it through to the final at Chester Cathedral but all the children did brilliantly well.



Competition	Alsager	Brine Leas
Netball	26	34
6th form Netball	10	2
Football	45	13
Girls Football	12	12
6th form football		
Handball	20	4
Badminton and Table Tennis		
Basketball		
Swimming gala		
Rounders		
Cricket		
Town Sports Athletics		
Golf		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>65</b>

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Finally, I would also like to thank all parents / carers for your support with your child's attendance at school. There have been an awful lot of bugs around in recent weeks, which has had a significant impact, but the importance of attending regularly throughout a child's school life is vital. My thanks to you all and please keep up the good work, continue to liaise with your child's school and encourage them to attend as much as possible. This must remain a priority for us all.

Many thanks for your continued support throughout this year. I wish you and your families a very happy, peaceful Christmas and best wishes for 2026.

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