



Blacon's Blog

Blacon's weekly school letter about the community, for the community, published every Friday.

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Headlines - Message from the Head

I am delighted to share issue 8 of our blog with you on the final week of this half term. Students have been representing school in cross country, netball and football, participating in some amazing dance workshops and supporting in our Primary BEV Tournament. Year 8 visited Chester as part of their work on World War 1 and our History Hot Scholars have been selling cakes to raise money to support revision bags for Year 11. Years 7 and 8 enjoyed a performance of Twelfth Night and we were pleased to welcome our Primary Schools in Years 5 and 6 to enjoy this too.

I am sure you will enjoy seeing the winners of our pumpkin decorating competition and the creative flare of students in the Inclusion Centre with decorations made for Halloween. For the 12th year running, we have been lucky enough to secure the Zengage theatre company into Blacon High School to perform their Risking it All production to our Year 9 students. Year 9 are getting ready for assessments which take place after half term, along with Year 11 who are preparing for their mock exams which begin when we return. For families eligible for free school meals, vouchers have been issued to support over the half term break. Yesterday, I had the pleasure of listening to the story of Ashley John Baptiste at the Virtual Schools Conference. Ashley shared a powerful story of his childhood growing up in the care system and how he overcame adversity, leading to him studying at Cambridge University and then starring in the X Factor. I would encourage everyone to read about his experience as a testament to what can be achieved with the right support and resilience. [Click here](#) I wish you all a restful and safe half term and look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday 3rd November**.

Rewards for this week

Congratulations to students for a superb week of learning in school and for all of the achievement points given. It has continued to be a positive term and we would like to thank students for their efforts so far. Well done to Year 11 for achieving the most this week. Well done to Year 9 for achieving the most!

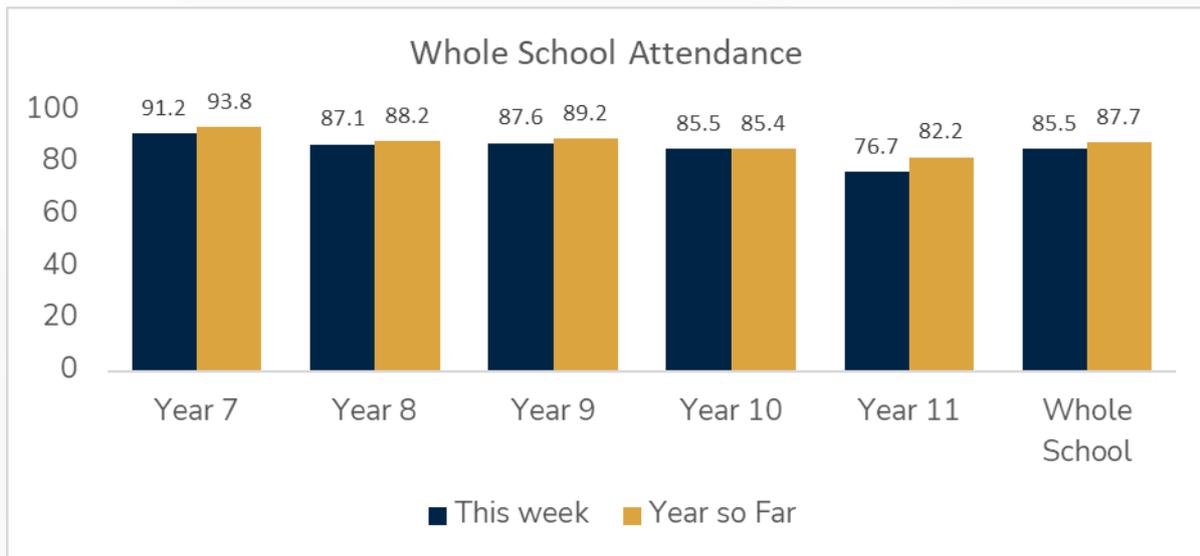
Achievement Points Week 8:



Year	Total Points
11	184
10	186
9	426
8	338
7	337

Attendance Matters - Every Hour, Every Day Counts....

The attendance for the whole school so far is 87.7% with attendance for this week being at **85.5%**. All students with **100% attendance** over the last 4 weeks of this half term, have been entered into a prize draw for vouchers in each year group and this will be drawn on the first week back. Please work with us to ensure your child attends every day so that they can maximise their chance of success as every absence has an impact on learning. Aim to be in the 100% club next term . Work with us to improve the attendance at our school.



"THIS MORNING HE WASN'T FEELING WELL...BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government
Head to the NHS website to find out more.

October 2025 Sports Report

Cross Country

During Enrichment Week, our Year 7 and 8 boys and girls took on the Blacon High School 2k Cross Country Challenge during their PE lessons. The course included two laps of the school fields, MUGA car park, and football pitches. Students were fully briefed on the physical and mental challenge ahead, with an emphasis on earning points for their tutor group and contributing to the overall Sports Day standings in July. The top 20 finishers in each race earned points, with 20th place worth 1 point, 2nd place 19 points, and 1st place earning 25 Headteacher Points for their outstanding performance.

Top Results:

7X PE Boys: 1st Wade | 2nd Ezra | 3rd Blu

Girls: 1st Darcey | 2nd Amber | 3rd Poppie



7Y PE

Boys: 1st Charlie | 2nd Noah | 3rd Alfie

Girls: 1st Poppie | 2nd Alannah-Lou | 3rd Roksana



8X PE

Boys: 1st Kyden | 2nd Cameron | 3rd Jack

Girls: 1st Olive | 2nd Beverly | 3rd Lexi



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8Y PE

Boys: 1st Tommy | 2nd Levi | 3rd Ethan

Girls: 1st Darci | 2nd Victoria | 3rd Eva



A huge well done to all students for giving their best effort and showing determination throughout. Cross country not only builds fitness and endurance, but also promotes resilience, self-belief, and teamwork—important life skills that go beyond sport.

A special mention to Charlie, who recorded the fastest time of the day at 8 minutes 22 seconds!

Students interested in more running events can take part in the West Cheshire Schools Athletics Cross Country Series at Ellesmere Port Sports Village.

Dates: Saturdays — November 29, January 31, and March 7 (10am registration).

See Mr Cairns or Mrs Carr for further details.

Netball

The girls continue to train enthusiastically after school in preparation for the upcoming Year 7 and 8 fixtures. The PE department is delighted with the strong attendance and commitment — new players are always welcome!

SSL Round 2 at Queen's Park High — what a performance! The team impressed with sharp passing and fluid movement, creating plenty of scoring opportunities. While spacing and off-the-ball movement are areas to refine, teamwork and energy levels were outstanding.

Players of the Match:

- Lexie (Year 8) – excellent control and vision
- Darcy (Year 7) – relentless effort and smart play

Deserved wins on the night — momentum is building! Keep pushing, improving, and playing with heart.



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Football

Year 7: The boys began with a friendly against a strong Tarporley side, losing narrowly but gaining valuable experience. Lexon scored our only goal. They bounced back brilliantly in the Chester Cup Round 1, beating Catholic High School 3–1 with goals from Lewis and Ezra (2). Coming from behind to win showed fantastic character!

Next up: Quarter Final vs Christleton High School, plus ESFA Cup Round 2 against Wrekin College after half term.



We also took a Year 7 development squad to Abbey Gate College for a football festival, playing six games (two draws, four narrow defeats). Zayne and Kian were standout performers.



Year 8: Faced tough opposition, losing 6–0 to Tarporley in the Chester Cup and 8–0 to a talented Birchwood High School team in the Cheshire Cup. Despite setbacks, the players showed resilience and will look to bounce back in the ESFA Cup Round 2 against Cransley School.



Year 9: Two competitive friendlies saw mixed results — a narrow 4–3 loss to Catholic High School (goals from Josh Crangle (2) and Kayden Evans) and a 4–0 defeat to Queen’s Park High. The boys are working hard to sharpen their finishing ahead of cup fixtures in November.



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Year 10: Another fantastic month — unbeaten and progressing in all competitions! Chester Cup: Walkover win vs Queen's Park High (Semi Final ahead in the new year). ESFA Cup: Beat St John Plessington 2–0 (goals from Bobby and Mateusz). Cheshire Cup Round 1: Beat Pensby High School 3–2 (Harry (2), Myles). Cheshire Cup Round 2: 4–1 win vs Bishops Heber (Archie, Ashton, Mason, Myles).



Year 11: A tough friendly vs Catholic High ended 8–2 (two quality goals from Alfie Moores). Plenty learned, and the team is determined to improve for Cheshire Cup Round 2 in November.



Girls' Football: The Year 7/8 team lost 3–1 to Helsby High in the Cheshire Cup, with Olive Houston scoring the goal of the match. Girls' Football Club runs every Tuesday (3.10–4.10pm) on the 3G pitch with coach Faye Butler from Chester SSP. Attendance and effort have been excellent! Upcoming: Chester Cup and District 7-a-side tournaments after half term.



Dance: Our partnership with Cheshire Dance continues to thrive! This month, Year 7 girls enjoyed a fantastic hip-hop 'Feel Good' workshop during their PE lessons, delivered by Emma and Max from Cheshire Dance. KS3 Dance is growing, with over 30 students attending choreography club and increasing numbers in Dance Club. GCSE Dance students have now started their Anthology and NEA coursework.



Dance hoodies are now available to order via ParentPay.

<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v5/#/login>

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Fitness

Some PE classes have been using our new fitness suite, learning about circuit training, free weights, and bodyweight exercises. Students demonstrated great technique, focus, and enthusiasm — it's brilliant to see so many developing their knowledge of health and fitness.



Primary School Tournament

The BEV Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament was a fantastic success, with all five Blacon primary schools taking part. Mr Forbes and Mr Merrill did an excellent job refereeing the games, which featured great teamwork, skill, and plenty of tries!

Winners: Dee Point Primary & The Arches (joint 1st)

Runners-up: Highfield Primary School



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular programme is thriving, with brilliant attendance across Girls' and Boys' Football, Dance, Netball, Volleyball, and Badminton. It's fantastic to see so many students getting active and representing the school — check the timetable, bring a friend, and get involved!



History Department

The History Department has been busy this week!

We have been on a WWI commemorative Art trip to Pictura Studios in Chester, after winning £500 in a bid from the Western Association. 23 pupils made ceramic poppies, and learnt how to work with clay. It was a really enjoyable trip. Dennis in y8 said in his evaluation that 'The trip didn't need improving in any way!' and Evelyn said 'I enjoyed making the poppy the most using moulding and shaping the clay with instruments!'. Huge gratitude to Mr Green for driving the mini bus for Miss Liddell and the 23 History and Art pupils.



The History Hot Scholars then led a Cake Sale on Thursday, to raise money for 'GCSE Revision Bags' for Year 11 Historians. This will include post it notes, a highlighter, and other useful revision tools ready for exams! Avamay, Joel and Miss Liddell made homemade cakes, (as well as some courtesy of supermarkets) and sold them to other pupils using their persuasive skills to raise money for a worthy cause!



Lastly, Mrs Clark and Miss Liddell went to their very own CPD on Thursday evening to go and see Mary Beard talk at Chester Story house. They learnt about 'Secret' Roman people, and really ignited their love of the Classics. Miss Liddell is already thinking how she can incorporate it into Year 7 lessons.



Story House Production of Twelfth Night

Dr Salisbury welcomed the fabulous Storyhouse Company to Blacon High School on Tuesday 14th October to present their latest Wayward Shakespeare production. Following on from the success of *The Tempest*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the Company performed their fourth touring Shakespearean production, created specifically for young people: *Twelfth Night*.

The company performed to 2 audiences. The 11.15am performance played to a full house of year 5 and year 6 students from our partner primary schools and Year 10 Performing Arts and History students, and the 2pm performance played to a full house of year 7 and year 8 students from Blacon High School. Our audiences journeyed to Illyria for a fast-paced, abridged re-telling of Shakespeare's classic tale which was creatively adapted for a young, contemporary audience, reinforcing key messages around identity, well-being, bullying and safety online. Not only were our audiences presented with outstanding performances filled with energy, laughter and music, but they were also treated to cameo appearances from Mr Nightingale and Dr Salisbury who showcased their dancing skills.

Developed as part of the Storyhouse WayWord Festival, this was a fantastic opportunity to introduce our partner primary students to Shakespeare and bring live performance to our school hall, and to support the teaching of Shakespeare in Drama and English to our KS3 students. Year 7 students have explored a range of skills in Drama lessons focusing on Shakespeare and will be using Shadow Puppets after half-term to tell the story of *Twelfth Night*, supporting them in their study of Shakespeare in English.

The show was followed by a short Q&A with members of the cast where students asked a range of questions about career opportunities in Performing Arts, pertinent questions about the production and the most popular question: how high can Malvolio jump?

"Engagement in Drama is integral to the mental health and wellbeing of our young people, giving them opportunities to explore the world around them in a safe and welcoming environment. Drama gives young people a voice and opens up a wealth of opportunities in addition to developing key skills which are integral to not only supporting their personal development, but also in preparing for a range of career pathways. It was a joy to see our young people completely immersed in this celebratory tale, laughing, dancing and having fun.



Halloween Fun !

Pumpkin painting was a huge success - KS4 even got involved!

It was hard to pick one winner so there are 4. Well done to:
Kinley - Y7, Mya - Y9, Junior - Y10 and Jasmine - Y11



Students in the Inclusion Centre have had fun decorating this week, demonstrating their creative skills.



SEND and Student Services Information Evening

We held our SEND Information Evening on Thursday, 23rd October. It was a great opportunity to share key updates and support information with our school community. If you were unable to attend or would like to revisit the presentation, please click the link below to view it.

[SEND Information Presentation](#)



Risk it all - 2Engage

For the 12th year running, we have been lucky enough to secure the 2engage theatre company into Blacon High School to perform their Risking it All production to our Year 9 students.

Risking It All is a 50-minute interactive theatre production that addresses how risky behaviour among adolescents can lead to vulnerability and dangerous situations.

Based on the lived experiences of teenagers, Risking It All helps young people spot the signs of exploitation.

The session is a provocative and immersive learning experience where facilitators encourage audiences to discuss the risks identified and discuss the consequences faced by two central characters.



Message from Ms Richards, Head of Year 9

Over the past two weeks, Year 9 have taken part in a special incentive focused on active engagement in lessons. The aim was to reward the tutor group that demonstrated the most consistent participation and enthusiasm in their learning, measured through achievement points.

The tutor group with the highest number of achievement points for active lesson engagement would earn a non-uniform day on the final day of this half term.

During assembly this week, we revealed the results step by step. First, we shared the total achievement points earned by each tutor group. Then, we removed points awarded by form tutors for equipment, punctuality, and uniform to ensure we focused purely on lesson engagement. Finally, we deducted any negative behaviour points to reveal the true totals. Students could clearly see the impact of their positive behaviour and effort at each stage.

I am delighted to announce that 9 Purple were the overall winners of this incentive and enjoyed their well-deserved non-uniform day today.

Congratulations, 9 Purple!



Year 11

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 mock exams will begin after half term on Monday, 3rd November, and will take place during Periods 1 to 4 each day. These exams provide an important opportunity for students to experience exam conditions and assess their progress ahead of the summer GCSEs. We encourage all students to prepare thoroughly and use the half-term break to complete any final revision.

Please find links to letters sent out to parents this week

[Year 11 Exam Access Letter](#)

[Year 11 Mock Exams letter](#)

Day	Mon 3	Tues 4	Wed 5	Thur 6	Fri 7
P1	Maths 1 Exam	Eng Lang Exam	Op A (Hi/Gg) Exam	OP B (Hi/Gg) Exam	F.Maths 2 Exam
P2					
Break					
P3	Biology Exam	Chemistry Exam	Op C (Cd, RE + F.Maths 1) Exam	Maths 2 Exam	Op D (Food) Exam
P4					
Lunch					
P5	OP B	Sci/RE	En	Op C	Sci/RE

We are delighted to share an excellent opportunity for our Year 11 students. Please find attached an e-flyer offering a 50% discount on October Half Term GCSE Booster sessions in Maths, English or Science with our valued Tuition Partner, Capital Tuition Group (CTG). As a school, we have negotiated this discount which is open to any students in Year 11 at Blacon High School.

Dates for the diary

- Friday 24th October - 3.10pm - School closes for half term
- Monday 3rd November - School opens after half term
- Thursday 20th November - Celebration Evening 6- 7.30pm
- Friday 28th November - School closed for Staff Training Day
- Monday 8th December 9am to 4pm: Dress and technical rehearsal for The Snow Queen
- Tuesday 9th December 9am to 9pm: Dress and technical rehearsal for The Snow Queen 9am to 11am, matinee performance of The Snow Queen at 11.15am, evening performance of The Snow Queen at 7pm
- 15th December - Reward Assemblies week
- Friday 19th December - Break up for Christmas at 12 noon



Extra Curricular Activities, Lunch and After School Clubs

Week 1 Lunch Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Dance	7	Studio	Miss Joynson
Monday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Monday	Science	7	316	Mrs Edwards
Monday	Drama	7	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Monday	Maths	KS4	506	Mr Pedder
Tuesday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Tuesday	Health and Social Drop in	KS4	311	Mr Gordon/ Miss Eccles
Wednesday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Wednesday	Maths	KS3	502	Miss Price
Wednesday	Textiles club	KS3	112	Miss Wright
Wednesday	History hot scholars	All	318	Miss Liddell
Wednesday	Eco Council	All	315	Mrs Hughes
Thursday	Dance	8	Studio	Miss Joynson
Thursday	Physics club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Thursday	Volleyball	All	Sports hall	Mr Cairns
Friday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Friday	Chess club	All	302	Mr Green

Week 1 After school clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Monday	Football	KS3	3G	Mr Cairns
Monday	Business studies P6	11		Mr Slade
Monday	Cadets	All	Containers on field	Miss Joynson
Monday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Tuesday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh Drop in	9 & 10	315	Mrs Hughes
Wednesday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Wednesday	Drama club	8, 9, 10, 11	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Wednesday	Netball	7 & 8	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Wednesday	Product, Graphics, Art	KS4	112	Miss Wright / Miss Adamson
Wednesday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Wednesday	School Band	All	124	Miss McHale
Thursday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Thursday	Maths P6	11		Mr Pedder
Thursday	Dance club	9	Main hall	Miss Joynson
Thursday	Basketball	All	Sports hall	Mr Cairns
Thursday	Sports Fixtures	All	TBC	Mr Cairns
Thursday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	School Choir	All	124	Miss McHale
Friday	Badminton	All	Sports hall	Mr Cairns

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Job of the week

Job of the week this week is a Watch Maker

A watchmaker is a skilled artisan who makes, repairs, and services watches and other timepieces. While traditionally master craftsmen who built watches by hand, the role has evolved to include factory work and specialized repair, often requiring the ability to diagnose and fix intricate mechanical issues .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m7VaJalaD1c>



Free school meals vouchers

During the half-term break, parents of eligible children will receive free school meal vouchers to help with the cost of food while schools are closed. These vouchers are worth £17.50 and aim to support families who usually receive free school meals during term time, ensuring that children continue to have access to nutritious meals throughout the holiday period. Parents will receive the vouchers via email or post, and they can be used at a range of local supermarkets and food stores. If there are any questions, please contact **ad-**



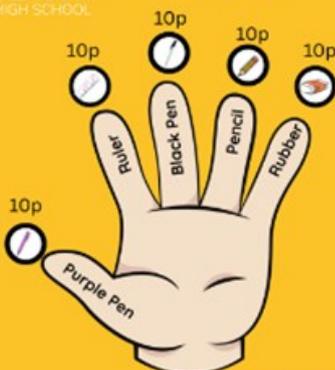
Menu for week beginning 3rd November 2025

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 – Week Commencing 03/11/025					
Hot Serve Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	Pizza Calzone (V)	Breakfast Bagel stack Or Veggie Breakfast Bagel stack	Hot dogs with onions Or Burger Chilli beans Wedges	Deconstructed Fajitas Or Veggie deconstructed Fajita	Chicken Baguette with side salad Or Cheese Baguette with side salad
Panini Bar Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	 <p>Panini Cake and Biscuits Drinks</p>				
Cold side Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	<p>Pasta Salad bar Sandwiches with Choice of fillings Cake/Biscuits/Fruit</p> 				
POD Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	 <p>Jacket potato with a choice of Cheese Beans Tuna Included is a side salad Cake/Biscuits or Fruit</p>				



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Equipment available to buy everyday!

- During Breakfast Club
- Breaktime @reception
- Lunchtime @reception



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