



# Blacon's Blog

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

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**BLACON**  
HIGH SCHOOL

## Headlines - Message from the Head

The blog this week is a bumper edition, celebrating all of the superb range of sports we have on offer. It is great to hear of all of the success of our teams and we ask parents to encourage everyone to become involved and to attend at least one enrichment lunchtime or after school club. My thanks goes to the StoryHouse for kindly donating family tickets for Beauty and the Beast. The prize draw for this will take place in the last week of term for any students with 100% attendance.

It has been great to be part of a motivation session with 32 students in Year 11 who have been selected to access tuition for Maths and English and we look forward to working with Capital Tuition to support our students to achieve their target grades to enable them to go on to successful courses next year.

Thank you, as always for your support. We have contacted almost 200 parents this week to launch our attendance mentoring programme, where students with attendance between 80 and 90% will be mentored and supported to increase their attendance between now and Christmas. Please continue to work with us to enable our students to thrive, by attending each day. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and look forward to the last 3 weeks of term.

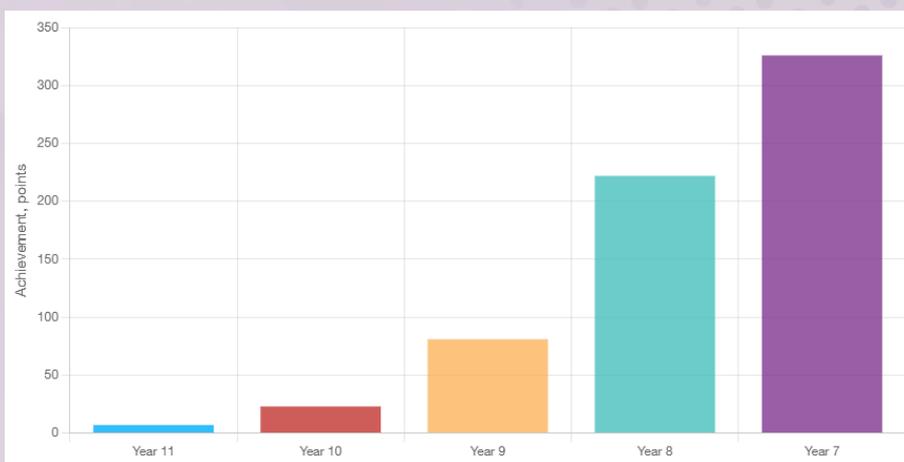
**Rachel Hudson - Headteacher**

### Rewards for this week

Congratulations to students for all of the achievement points given out this week.

Congratulations to Year 7 on achieving the highest number of points.

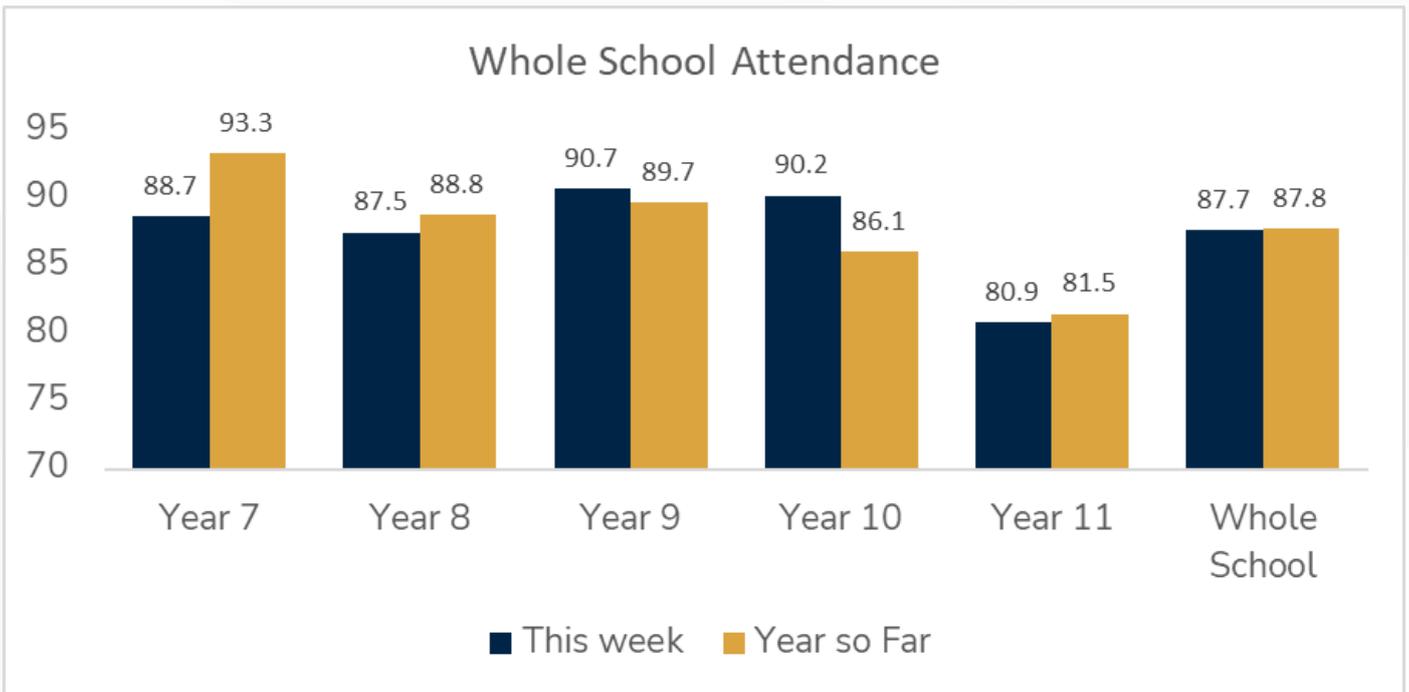
#### Achievement Points Week 12:



Year	Total Points
7	326
8	222
9	81
10	23
11	7

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

The attendance for the whole school so far is 87.8% with attendance for this week being at 87.7%. All students with **100% attendance** over the last 4 weeks of this half term, were entered into a prize draw for vouchers in each year group, which was drawn this week. Aim to be in the 100% club this term. Days off cost grades and affect next steps so please work with us to ensure your child attends.



**SCHOOL DAYS ARE PACKED WITH MOMENTS OF...**

**CURIOSITY, WONDER AND CONNECTION.**

**MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

SEARCH 'ATTENDANCE' ON THE EDUCATION HUB

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# JOIN THE 100% CLUB

**WANT A CHANCE TO BAG YOURSELF A GIFT VOUCHER AT THE END OF THIS HALF TERM?**

- Attend school every day**  
1 Feeling a bit under the weather? Tired? Not keen on Period 1? Push yourself to be here. Motivate yourself by planning to meet your friends at the gate and encourage each other to get into school. Every day you attend is a step closer to success.
- Be on time**  
2 Be on time - every minute counts! Sleep earlier, set your alarm sooner, get organised the night before, and arrive ready to learn.

**ENTER TO WIN PRIZES**

## Community Carols - Monday 8th December 2025

Our choir and band will be joining students from all of the Blacon Primary schools for the annual Community Carol Concert. The event will be held at Holy Trinity Church and is always a wonderful occasion that brings the whole community together. Parents and carers are invited to attend.



### Dates for the diary

- Monday 8th December - Dress and technical rehearsal for The Snow Queen, 9am to 4pm
- **Tuesday 9th December - The Snow Queen**
  - Dress and technical rehearsal for The Snow Queen, 9am to 11am
  - Matinee performance of The Snow Queen, beginning 11.15am
  - **Evening performance of The Snow Queen, beginning 7pm**
- **Thursday 11th December - Year 11 Progress Evening, 4 - 7.30pm**

Please join us for hot pot and bread, mince pies and hot chocolate, available for students and parents from 3.30pm.
- Monday 15th December onwards - Reward Assemblies week
- **Friday 19th December - Break up for Christmas at 12 noon**

## Litter Picking Role Models



We would like to give a big thank you to Ruby, Darci and Alana for volunteering their lunchtimes to litter pick around our school site.

Their dedication to helping keep our environment clean is wonderful and their attitudes are superb - these three students are excellent role models and ambassadors for our school, and great citizens of our planet!

## Rowing Club



This week, we welcomed a new group of students to the water for rowing practice. Working in pairs, some students took to the double sculls while others navigated single boats.

The session focused on essential water safety, including how to safely get in and out of the boats. Once everyone was confident, we managed to cover several miles along the river - a fantastic achievement for the group!

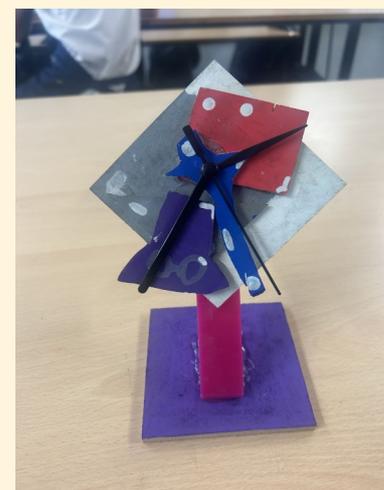
## Celebrating Creativity in Product Design: Year 7 and Year 8 Highlights

Our Product Design workshops have been buzzing with imagination this term, as students in Year 7 and Year 8 completed two exciting hands-on projects that showcased their creativity, problem-solving skills, and growing confidence with materials and tools.

Year 7 students brought character and charm to the workshop with their wooden robot creations. Starting with basic timber shapes, they learned how to measure, mark out, cut, sand, and assemble components safely. The results were fantastic - quirky robots with moving joints, expressive faces, and plenty of personality. This project helped students develop essential practical skills while encouraging them to think like designers.

Meanwhile, Year 8 students explored bold colours and striking patterns through their Memphis-inspired clock project. After studying key features of the Memphis design movement—including geometric forms, playful shapes, and vibrant contrasts—students applied these ideas to create fully functioning clocks. From planning and sketching to cutting acrylic and assembling mechanisms, the project allowed pupils to express themselves through thoughtful design choices.

Both year groups should be incredibly proud of their achievements. These projects not only develop technical skills but also nurture creativity, resilience, and a sense of accomplishment. We look forward to seeing what they design next!



# November 2025 Sports Report

## Basketball

The Year 10/11 Boys' Basketball team have started the season in style with two impressive wins over Queens Park High School and Catholic High School in the Chester West Division. Their 57–21 victory against Catholic High was their best performance yet, with Sonny scoring an incredible 40 points in a dominant display at both ends of the court. Alfie sank his trademark three-pointer and Harrison finished some excellent lay-ups. The team now face Kings High School in a play-off, with the winner progressing to the gold medal match against the Chester East champions.



## Football

The Year 7 boys took part in a Futsal round-robin tournament at Queens Park High School and qualified for the final event at Christleton High School. They beat QPHS and Catholic, drew with Heber, and narrowly lost to Kings.

At the final tournament, Blacon finished runners-up in their group and had the opportunity to compete against Kings, Christleton and Tarporley for a place at the Cheshire Finals. We finished **4th overall in Chester**—a fantastic achievement for a squad playing Futsal for the first time.

In the ESFA Cup, the boys were edged out 3–2 by Wrekin College, with Lexon and Lewis scoring. Unfortunately, Lewis suffered a serious injury during the game- we wish him a full and speedy recovery.



Year 8 travelled to Cransley School for Round 2 of the ESFA Cup. Locked at 2–2 at half-time, the boys showed courage and resilience throughout but were beaten 6–3, with goals from George, Nico and Jake.

Despite three cup defeats in a row, they responded brilliantly in a friendly against Abbey Gate College, winning **4–0** thanks to braces from George and Luke. It was their best football of the season and their first win in five matches.



## November 2025 Sports Report

### Boy's Football

Year 9 faced Kings in Round 1 of the Chester Cup. After three warm-up friendlies, the team were ready and matched Kings throughout an end-to-end contest. Despite a strong display, we lost 3–0 after conceding a penalty and two late breakaway goals.

Eight players then represented the school in the Chester & District 6-a-side Tournament. They finished runners-up in their group after beating QPHS 1–0 (Josh), drawing 0–0 with Bishops Bluecoat and narrowly losing to Upton.

In the semi final they drew 1–1 with Catholic (Josh) and won a dramatic penalty shootout 5–4, with Maximus making a crucial save.

In the final, they faced Upton again. After going 1–0 up (Josh), Upton equalised late on and another shootout followed. The team held their nerve, winning 2–1, with Maximus again the hero.

This is the first time Year 9 have won the Chester & District 6-a-side title—a brilliant achievement. We hope they carry this belief into their Cheshire Cup match against The Heath School in December.



The Year 10 boys began November in the Chester & District 6-a-side competition at Christleton. In tough weather conditions they drew two games and lost one, narrowly missing out on the knockout stages.

In the ESFA National Cup they produced a superb performance to beat Lakelands Academy **3–2**, with goals from Mason, Myles and George. The team remain the **only year group still competing in all three cup competitions**, and Mr Forbes is delighted to see them continually rise to the challenge.



## November 2025 Sports Report

Year 11 faced Bishops Heber in Round 2 of the Cheshire Cup. Earlier in the season they lost 5–2 to Heber, so the boys were determined to show improvement—and they did. In a tight, competitive game, Blacon trailed 1–0 until Alfie fired a 30-yard rocket to level the match late on. In the penalty shootout, the team held their nerve, winning 6–5 to progress to the last 16 of the competition



### Girls' Football

Football Club continues every Tuesday (3.10–4.10pm) on the 3G with coach Faye Butler from Chester SSP. The Year 7/8 girls have the Chester Cup and ESFA Cup coming up in the new year.

Year 8/9 Girls Football team finished 5th out of 10 schools at the Chester & District 7-a-side Tournament at Catholic High School. They won two, drew one and lost one in the group before beating Kings in the 3rd-place play-off.

Olive scored some excellent goals, with MJ and Jessica outstanding in midfield.



Year 7 Girls Football team had two tournaments in November and continue to grow as a team. In the 7-a-side event at Catholic High School, they drew two and lost one, finishing 3rd in their group before beating Bishops 1–0 in the play-off thanks to a Poppie goal.

In the 5-a-side competition they went unbeaten and finished runners-up, beating Kings 1–0 and drawing 0–0 with Catholic, Abbey Gate and Bishops.



# November 2025 Sports Report

## Table Tennis

Some PE groups have been making excellent progress in Table Tennis, demonstrating quick reactions, strong technique and smart decision-making in a fast-paced racket sport. We hope to arrange friendly fixtures against other schools in the new year.



## Netball

Our Girls' Netball Club continues to thrive, with large numbers of KS3 students training each Wednesday at 3.10pm. The squads are preparing for their upcoming SSL friendly fixtures in the new year.

## Primary School Tournament

The BEV Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament was a huge success, with all five Blacon primary schools taking part.

Year 10 students **Alfie, Sonny and Alfie** refereed superbly as the young players showed teamwork, great dribbling skills and plenty of baskets.

- **Winners:** The Arches
- **Runners-up:** St Theresa's



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular programme is thriving, with brilliant attendance across Boys' and Girls' Football, Dance, Netball, Volleyball and Badminton. It's fantastic to see so many students getting active, improving their skills and representing the school.

**Check the timetable, bring a friend — and get involved!**

Cheshire West & Chester

**HAF**

Holiday Activities & Food



### Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the **Department for Education (DfE)-funded Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme**, we have offered your school a limited number of **'Let's Cook' recipe boxes**. Your school will contact you if you have been chosen to receive one, don't worry if you are not successful this time, we also have several **free programmes and activities** running this winter that you can still enjoy!

These boxes are designed to support families eligible and for those on **benefits-related free school meals (BRFSM)** and encourage children to take the lead in preparing meals during the winter holidays.

Each box includes Ingredients to make **2 main meals and 2 desserts** /Easy-to-follow **recipe cards** /**A short instructional video** for each recipe/A variety of **low-cost cooking methods** to suit your household

### **Bonus Family Activities** (Due to Launch 27th November 10am)

Free to Attend! (Food/snacks will be provided for children.)

- **Activity Clubs** A variety of fun, engaging sessions for children and families
- **\*Pantomimes** Cinderella at Ellesmere Port Civic Hall /Aladdin at Brio Northwich Memorial Court (One performance per family of up to 5 people)
- **\*Ten Pin Bowling** Cheshire Oaks or Chester One free 1-hour session for up to 6 people (One session per person)

**\* Please note:** A parent, carer, or legal guardian **over the age of 18** must accompany the group.

### **Important information**

- Due to high demand, sessions may fill up quickly. We recommend booking **as soon as possible** sessions and links will **close once fully booked**.
- **Eligibility will be checked.** You will receive a **confirmation email** with your booking details (e.g., date, time, seat number) if successful. Please bring this with you to the venue and make every effort to attend your booked session. **No-shows** prevent other families from enjoying these opportunities.

### **How to Book - Visit:**

<https://eequ.org/hafcheshirewestandchester>

Or scan the QR code below using your smartphone:



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## Job of the week

### The job of the week this week is a Restoration Specialist

Restoration specialists work to repair and conserve old or damaged buildings, artwork, furniture, or historical items. Their job is to bring things back to their original condition while protecting their historical or artistic value. The role involves careful research, hands-on restoration work, and using special tools and materials. Attention to detail and a strong interest in art or history is important in this job.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZyysbM34mk>

## Year 8 Reward Winners

Year 8 100% attendance winner this week was Lola Berry! She got 2 tickets to the Chester Picture House as a reward for showing dedication and commitment to her attendance. Well done Lola!

🎁 Festive Attendance Reward – Win Storyhouse Panto Tickets! 🎨

We're excited to launch our latest attendance reward in the run-up to the Christmas break — and it's a truly magical one!

If pupils attend school every day from Monday 1st December through to Friday 19th December, they will be entered into an end-of-term prize draw to win one of six Family Tickets to see this year's spectacular pantomime... Beauty and the Beast at Chester Storyhouse! ✨

Each winning ticket admits up to six people, making it the perfect festive outing for the whole family. Winners will receive a unique booking code to secure their preferred date online — simple!

We want every child to have the best chance of learning, achieving and enjoying all the amazing opportunities here at school. Great attendance is the key — and with such a fantastic prize up for grabs, there has never been a better time to aim for 100%!

Let's finish this year strong — every day counts!

Good luck everyone... and let's make it a December to remember! 🎄 ✨

## Extra Curricular Activities, Lunch and After School Clubs

### Week 1 Lunch Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Dance	7	Studio	Mrs <u>Joynson</u>
Monday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Monday	Maths	KS4	506	Mr Pedder
Tuesday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Wednesday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Wednesday	Maths	KS3	502	Miss Price
Wednesday	Art	KS3	112	Miss Wright
Wednesday	Games Club	KS3	315	Mrs Hughes
Thursday	Creative writing	All	Library	Miss Cary
Thursday	Dance	8	Studio	Mrs <u>Joynson</u>
Thursday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Thursday	Volleyball	All	Sports hall	Mr Cairns
Friday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns

### Week 1 After school clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Monday	Science club	7	316	Mrs Edwards
Monday	Football	KS3	3G	Mr Cairns
Monday	Business studies P6	11		
Monday	Cadets	All	Containers on field	Mr Jones
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	Art Graphics Product Design	KS4	112	
Wednesday	Netball	7 & 8	MUGA	Mr Cairns
Wednesday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Thursday	Maths P6	11		
Thursday	Dance club	9	Main hall	Mrs <u>Joynson</u>
Thursday	Basketball	All	Sports hall	Mr Cairns
Thursday	Sports Fixtures	All	TBC	Mr Cairns
Thursday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Friday	Badminton	All	Sports hall	Mr Cairns

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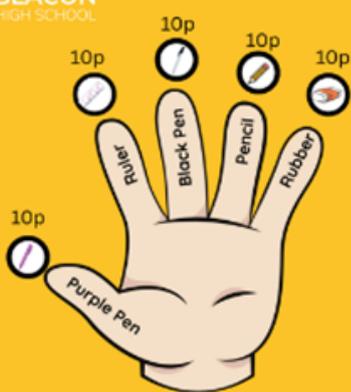
## Menu for week beginning 1st December 2025

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1- Week Commencing 01/12/25</b>					
<b>Hot Serve//</b> <b>Main:</b> (£2.40) <b>Drink:</b> 80p <b>Cake:</b> 80p	Jerk Chicken and Rice or Vegetable Ratatouille and Rice (V)	Mac & Cheese with GB (V) Mac & Cheese with Crispy Bacon	Chicken Wrap or Veg Wrap (V)	Breakfast Bagel	Beef Burger and Wedges or Falafel Burger (V)
<b>Panini Bar</b> <b>Main:</b> (£2.40) <b>Drink:</b> 80p <b>Cake:</b> 80p	 <p><b>Panini</b> Cake and Biscuits Drinks</p>				
<b>Cold side</b> <b>Main:</b> (£2.40) <b>Drink:</b> 80p <b>Cake:</b> 80p	<p><b>Pasta</b> Salad bar Sandwiches with Choice of fillings Cake/Biscuits/Fruit</p> 				
<b>POD</b> <b>Main:</b> (£2.40) <b>Drink:</b> 80p <b>Cake:</b> 80p	 <p><b>Jacket potato with a choice of</b> Cheese Beans Tuna Included is a side salad Cake/Biscuits or Fruit</p>				



**'FIVE A DAY'**  
Are you prepared for learning?

BLACON HIGH SCHOOL



Equipment available to buy everyday!

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



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ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

"FAIL? NAH,  
THAT'S JUST 'FIRST  
ATTEMPT IN  
LEARNING'.  
NOW GO  
SMASH IT."

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