



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

Happy new year to all of our families. It has been great to welcome back students this week and we are pleased that the weather has not disrupted our learning. I hope that the Christmas holiday allowed everyone some time to recharge and refresh, ready for the year ahead.

We are incredibly grateful to The StoryHouse for their kind donation of family tickets for Beauty and the Beast which we were able to use as rewards for those students with 100% attendance.

We are pleased that our overall attendance has improved so far this year and we ask that you work with us to ensure that your child attends every day so that they can achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to everything that we will continue to achieve in 2026.

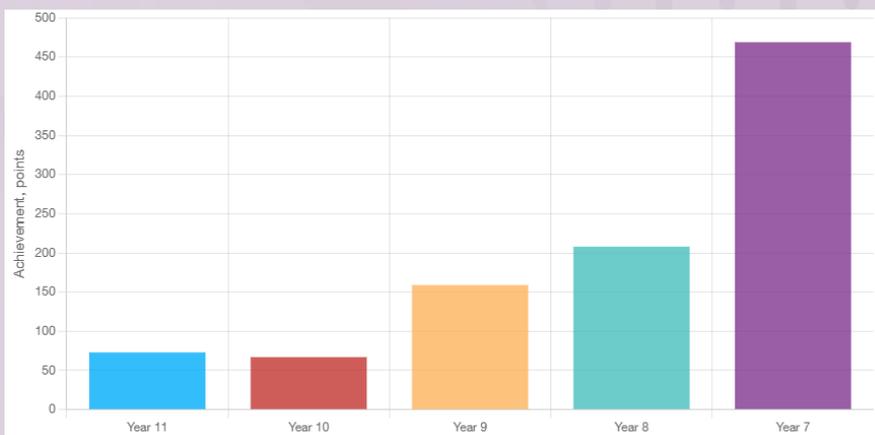
In the words of CS Lewis, 'you are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.'

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 16:



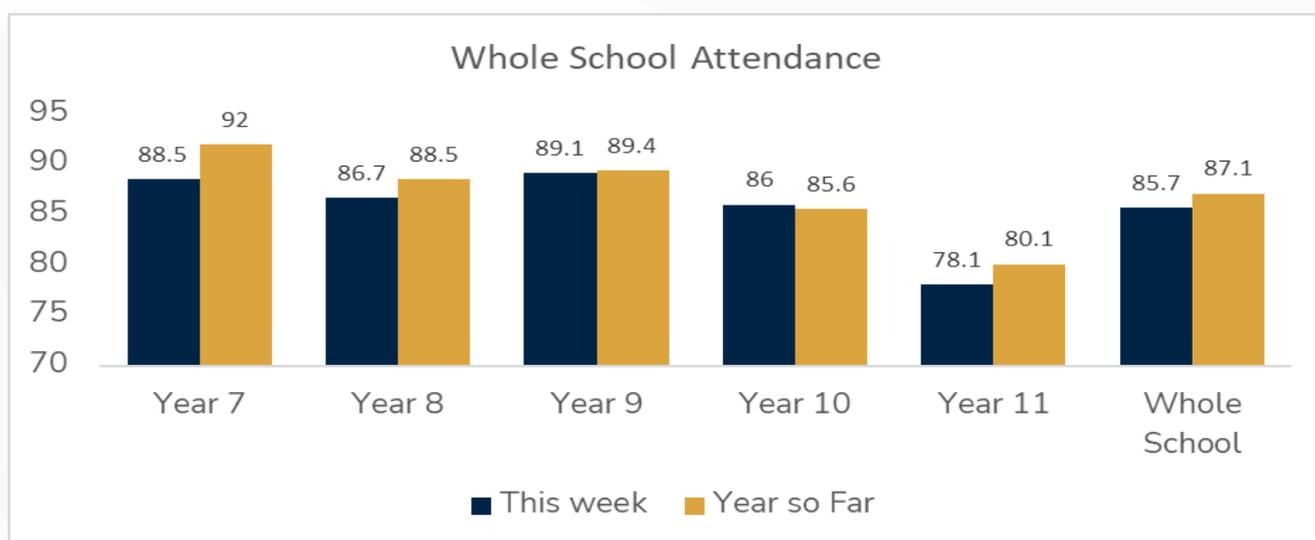
Year	Total Points
7	469
8	208
9	159
10	67
11	73

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

The attendance for the whole school so far is 87.1% with attendance for this week being at 85.7%.

Aim to be in the 100% club next term to be entered into our end of term prize draw!

Days off cost grades and affect next steps so please work with us to ensure your child attends.



HOME LEARNING

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
P6: 3.10 - 4.00
ROOM 202

Need a quiet place to do your home learning? Need a computer? Come and use the room and computers to complete any Home Learning. Staff will also be available if you need help.

Mrs. Lewis

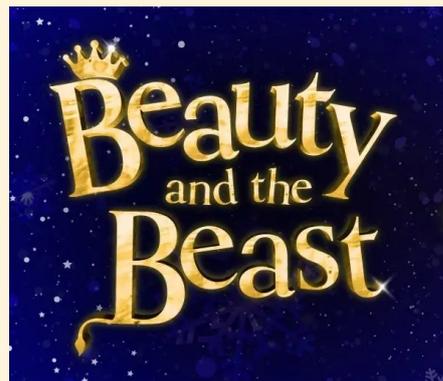


100% Prize Draw Winners

On the last day of term, 20 of our students' families won tickets to see Chester Storyhouse's 'Beauty and the Beast' Panto. These students were entered due to their excellent attendance, all achieving 100% attendance across the Autumn term.

These prize draws occur every half term, to encourage our students to come in to school every day and make the most of their time with us and to reward them for their excellent attitude to learning.

We would like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support on attendance.



Dates for the Diary 2026

- 12th January - Year 7 Assessments commence
- 15th January - Immunisation Session for outstanding students
- 22nd January - Year 10 Progress Evening
- 29th January - Year 8 Progress Evening

- **Friday 30th January - Training Day - School closed to students**

- 2nd – 13th February – Year 11 Mock Examinations
- **13th February - School closes at 4pm for Half Term**

- 23rd February - School opens after Half Term

Blacon High School, A Specialist Sports College

Students in your school have completed

904 hours

of personalised learning
on Sparx Maths this year!

Sparx Maths

sparxmaths.com

Blacon High School, A Specialist Sports
College

45,822

questions answered correctly in Sparx
Maths so far this year

Sparx Maths

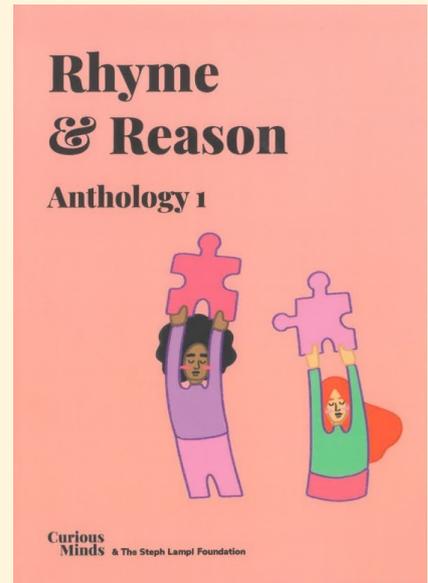
sparxmaths.com

Rhyme and Reason Anthology

Last term some of our Performing Arts students participated in a Curious Minds Rhyme and Reason Project, working with a professional poet in creative writing workshops to collaborate with one another, sharing ideas and experiences.

At the end of term, those students received a copy of the published anthology that contains their work, a collection of poems that seek to put the challenges and realities that today's young people face in all forms into words.

We are immensely proud of the hard work that our students have put into this project, and this term we look forward to sharing some of their works with you.



Spring Term Resources from The Wellbeing Hub



The Wellbeing Hub is an excellent resource that provides expert-led support for the whole school community, including to parents and carers.

The service's content covers a wide range of topics throughout the year in many formats, including blogs, podcasts, teaching resources, and a monthly webinar which we hope you will promote to your parents/carers.

In addition to the content that is always available on The Wellbeing Hub, they will be releasing new topics during the Spring Term, as follows:

January - Friendships and relationships

February - Anxiety

March - Families

April - Neurodiversity

See the full line up here: [UK Staff Spring Term Content Line-up 26](#)

The Wellbeing Hub is available to all students, who have been signed up with their school email, and we encourage them to make the most of this service as part of supporting their mental health and wellbeing.

For more information, please visit their website: <https://teentips.co.uk/club/>

FREE RESOURCES
PROVIDED TO
SUPPORT YOUR
CHILD

SEND PRACTITIONER
ATTENDING FOR ADVICE AND
TO PROVIDE RESOURCES

FRIENDLY FACES AND A
WELCOMING
ATMOSPHERE

REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE

Email:
admin@koalanw.co.uk
or call us on
0151 608 8288

LITTLE ONES
WELCOME!

ELLESMERE PORT SEND PARENTS DROP-IN SESSIONS

These are relaxed, supportive gatherings where parents can drop in for advice, connect with others facing similar experiences, and access free resources.

EVERY TERM TIME
TUESDAY

09:30AM - 11:00 AM

THE OAKS COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL,
ROCHESTER DR.,
ELLESMERE PORT, CH65
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Job of the week

The job of the week this week is an Astronautical Engineer

Astronautical Engineers design and build spacecraft, satellites, and systems used in space exploration. They work on everything from rocket engines and navigation systems to the materials that can survive the extreme conditions of space. In the UK, astronautical engineers might be involved in launching satellites, supporting space missions, or developing new space technologies. The job involves a lot of problem solving, maths, and working with high-tech equipment and software.

To become an astronautical engineer, a strong background in maths and science is essential. Most people take A levels in subjects like maths, physics, and further maths, then go on to study aerospace or astronautical engineering at university. Some roles may require a master's degree or PhD, especially in research. Good computer skills, attention to detail, and a strong interest in space are also important for this career.



[Job of the Week - Youtube](#)



Year 11 Period 6 Timetable

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 11	PERFORMING ARTS ENGLISH MUSIC	PERFORMING ARTS GEOGRAPHY (6.00pm Virtual lesson Google classroom) MARKETING FRENCH HISTORY	PERFORMING ARTS FURTHER MATHS ART/ GRAPHICS PRODUCT DESIGN FOOD/ CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCIENCE IT MEDIA STUDIES RELIGIOUS STUDIES	PERFORMING ARTS MATHS	
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 11	PERFORMING ARTS ENGLISH MUSIC	PERFORMING ARTS GEOGRAPHY (6.00pm Virtual lesson Google classroom) MARKETING FRENCH HISTORY	PERFORMING ARTS ART/ GRAPHICS PRODUCT DESIGN FOOD/ CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCIENCE IMEDIA RELIGIOUS STUDIES	PERFORMING ARTS MATHS	

As part of our commitment to supporting Year 11 students with their revision towards the summer exams, the school has provided students with a Period 6 timetable. This identifies the additional support on offer across the curriculum for students.

All of Year 11 are expected to attend period 6 for Maths and English from January until May each Monday and Thursday and this is on student timetables.

Extra Curricular Activities, Lunch and After School Clubs

Week 1 Lunch Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Dance	7	Studio	JOA
Monday	Football	All	MUGA	
Monday	Maths	KS4	506	PEJ
Tuesday	Dance	8	Studio	JOA
Tuesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Wednesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Wednesday	Maths	KS3	502	PRR
Wednesday	Art	KS3	112	
Wednesday	Games Club	KS3	315	HUS
Thursday	Creative writing	All	Library	CAV
Thursday	Choreography club	KS3	Studio	JOA
Thursday	Football	All	MUGA	
Thursday	Volleyball	All	Sports hall	
Friday	Football	All	MUGA	

Week 1 After school clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	SAJ
Monday	Science club	7	316	EDV
Monday	Football	KS3	3G	
Monday	Business studies P6	11		
Monday	Cadets	All	Containers on field	JOJ
Monday	Home learning club	All	202	LET
Tuesday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	SAJ
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh Drop in	9 & 10	315	HUS
Wednesday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	SAJ
Wednesday	Drama club	8, 9, 10, 11	Studio	SAJ
Wednesday	Art Graphics Product Design	KS4	112	
Wednesday	Netball	7 & 8	MUGA	
Wednesday	Home learning club	All	202	LET
Thursday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	SAJ
Thursday	Maths P6	11		
Thursday	Dance club	9	Main hall	JOA
Thursday	Basketball	All	Sports hall	
Thursday	Sports Fixtures	All	TBC	
Thursday	Home learning club	All	202	LET
Friday	Badminton	All	Sports hall	

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Have Your Say on SEND Services

**Have Your
Say on SEND
Services!**

**Voices
that
Shape
SEND**

**The
Big
One**

**PCF
CWaC**
Parent Carer Forum
Cheshire West & Chester

PCF Survey 2026

**Does your child or young person (age 0–25)
have SEND or additional needs?
We want to hear from you!**

**Your feedback will shape future SEND services across health,
education, social care and the community, and will be included
in the SEND Strategy 2026/27**



Have your say....

The survey will open on January 5th 2026.

You can complete the survey by scanning the QR code
using the link below or email info@pcfcheshirewest.org

Closing date February 6th 2026 - Don't miss out!



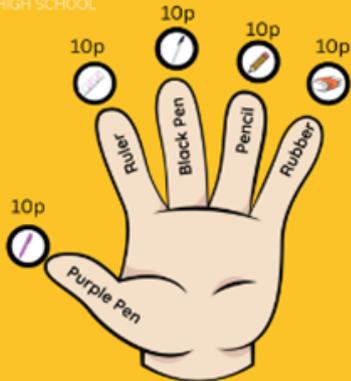
www.pcfcheshirewest.org/survey26

Menu for week beginning 12th January 2026

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1– Week Commencing 12/01/2026					
Hot Serve// Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	Burritos or Veggie Burritos (v)	Pie, Roasties, Veg and Gravy	Breakfast	Chicken Korma or Veggie Korma and Rice (v)	Pizza
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</p> <p>Cheese Beans Tuna</p> <p>Included is a side salad Cake/Biscuits or Fruit</p>				



'FIVE A DAY'
Are you prepared for learning?



Equipment available to buy everyday!

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



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ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

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"RESILIENCE IN FRIENDSHIPS: SOMETIMES, PEOPLE ARE LIKE DODGY PHONE CHARGERS – THEY LET YOU DOWN. FIND THE RELIABLE ONES WHO POWER YOU UP."

Children's Commissioner—Guide on Children's Digital Lives

The Children's Commissioner has recently published their guide, '[What I wish my parents or carers know: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#)'.

This guide was written with the direct involvement of children across England, and is a reflection of their views. The Commissioner's office visited schools to speak to teenagers, and spoke to the Youth Ambassadors and Youth Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Panel to gather expertise on what does and doesn't work between parents or carers and children in the 21st Century.

It provides an in-depth guide to the complex digital world that is intertwined with the lives of our children and young people, and focuses on the challenges of managing childrens' everyday online habits.



Letters Home to Parents

Clear communication with our parents and carers is vital to our school's delivery of effective learning, both inside and outside of the classroom.

We keep a digital archive of all letters that we have sent to parents and carers on our school website. These can be found under News & Events—Letters, or at the link [here](#).

Letters are often sent home via Edulink and Parentpay—it may be of benefit to register for these services if you haven't already. Paper copies are always available where necessary.

A guide to registering to Edulink can be found on our website [here](#), in Parents—School Apps.

To sign up to Parentpay, please get in touch at admin@blaconhigh.cheshire.sch.uk