



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

It has been great to hear about the experiences of Year 10 students visiting Airbus this week. The students enjoyed a tour of the site and had the opportunity to find out about careers pathways in aerospace. Our thanks goes to staff at Airbus for our partnership work with them, to provide young people with the chance to find out more about opportunities within our local area. Other students will have the chance to visit later on this year.

We are incredibly proud of Charlie in Year 11 who has been volunteering each weekend to help teach children in Gambia to read and write over video links. Once his GCSEs are completed, Charlie will return to Gambia for 4 weeks as part of the Gunjur Project. He is such a fantastic ambassador for Blacon High School and we are so proud of all he has done to support others in need.

We are pleased that our attendance continues to rise and ask that you do everything you can to ensure that your child attends on time each day. Those with the best attendance will go on to achieve higher grades and greater opportunities so please do all you can each week. I wish you a restful weekend.

Rachel Hudson, Headteacher

Rewards for this week

Congratulations to students for all of the achievement points given out this week. Congratulations to Year 8 on achieving the highest number of points.

Achievement Points Week 17:



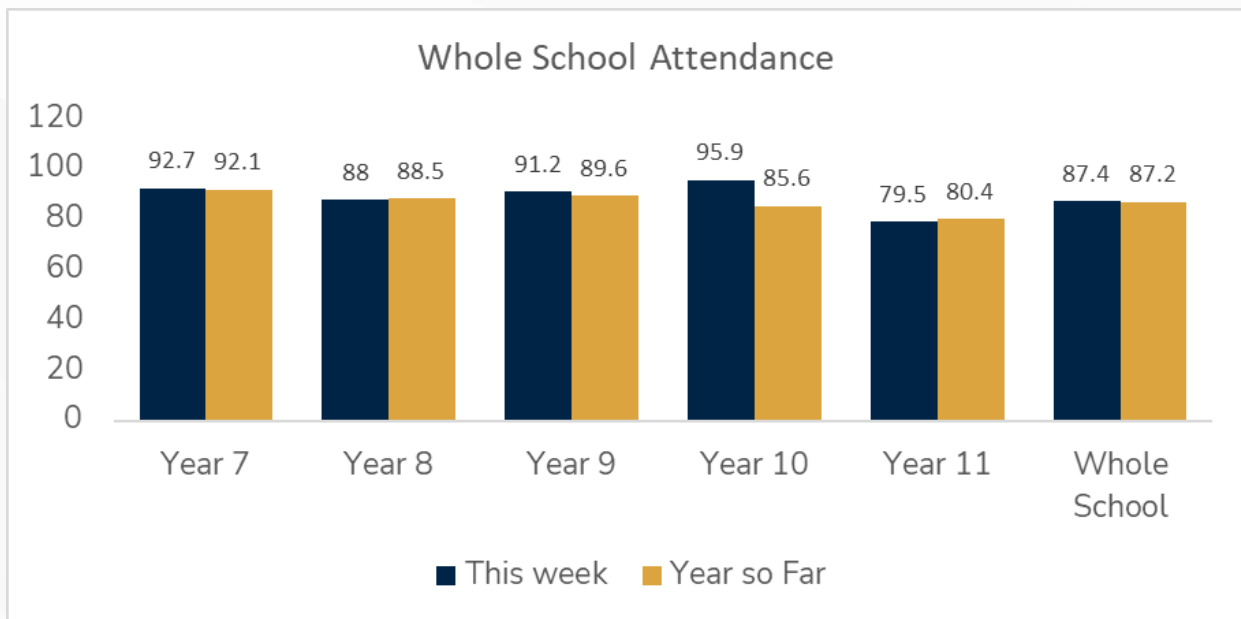
Year	Total Points
7	273
8	492
9	119
10	231
11	92

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

The attendance for the whole school so far is 87.2% with attendance for this week being at 87.4%. We have improved attendance overall by 0.6% so far.

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



Airbus Broughton Tour and Workshop

On Tuesday this week, Mr Pedder and Mr Hughes took a group of Year 10 students on a visit to the Airbus site at Broughton. After a welcome and safety briefing, students toured the A320 factory, where they followed the journey of an aircraft wing from a single piece of aluminium through to a fully assembled structure. Watching the wings being manufactured



in real time gave pupils a valuable insight into large-scale engineering and precision manufacturing.

The visit also included an informative careers presentation, where Airbus staff outlined the different pathways into the company, including apprenticeships and graduate routes, and offered clear advice on subject choices and skills needed for a career in aerospace.



In addition, students took part in a workshop that developed their negotiation and communication skills. Working in teams, students had to justify decisions, influence others and collaborate effectively, highlighting the importance of teamwork in engineering and industry.

Overall, the visit was an engaging and inspiring experience that brought engineering careers to life. Our thanks goes to the team at Airbus.

Dates for the Diary 2026

- 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

Student Volunteer's Visit to Gambia



This week we would like to highlight the incredible volunteering work one of our Year 11 students has been undertaking.

Charlie has spent the previous 6-7 months volunteering his weekends to help teach children in Gambia to read and write over video calls with the Gunjur Project. Recently, he was able to visit one of the students he has been tutoring in person as part of a weekend study group.

Charlie has told us he intends to commence on a 4-week trip with the Gunjur Project after completing his GCSE', to continue supporting the children in the study groups he has worked alongside. We are immensely proud of Charlie, and wish him and his study group all the best!

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 and Events - Letters, or at the link [here](#).

Letters are often sent home via Edulink One 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 One can be found on our website [here](#). To sign up to Parentpay, please get in touch at admin@blaconhigh.cheshire.sch.uk

BLACON LIBRARY

CHESS CLUB

LEARN TO PLAY CHESS AND PLAY WITH OTHERS - FROM BEGINNERS TO EXPERTS

THIS WILL BE A REGULAR WEEKLY, FREE ACTIVITY, OPEN TO ALL.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



**STARTING
SATURDAY 17 JANUARY**



**TIME
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



**BLACON LIBRARY, THE
PARADE**



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Cheshire West & Chester Council

Libraries

Information for Parents: Ketamine Awareness

Cheshire Police are getting in touch with parents and carers to share some information about ketamine use among young people, and to help them feel informed and supported.

You may have seen recent media coverage about Cheshire Police appealing for information around ketamine supply. This appeal forms part of their wider work to better understand how ketamine is reaching young people locally, and to reduce the harm it can cause. By raising awareness, they hope to encourage early conversations and reporting.

Ketamine is sometimes perceived by teenagers as a low-risk or occasional “party drug”. However, we are seeing increasing evidence that even infrequent use can have major health impacts, including memory and concentration issues and serious bladder-related problems.

We also know that young people can come into contact with drugs in a range of everyday settings, including social groups and online spaces. Most teenagers will never go beyond being offered something - but staying aware helps parents have informed, calm conversations if needed.

Information from parents and communities can help us build a clearer picture of local trends and target those responsible for supplying drugs, rather than young people themselves.

If you notice anything that feels unusual or concerning, sharing it can help prevent harm.

You can report concerns:

- Directly to police via 101 or online via our website
- Anonymously through Crimestoppers: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

For more information and advice visit:

[Ketamine Advice and Support | Cheshire Constabulary](#)



Job of the week

The job of the week this week is a Wind Tunnel Technician

Wind tunnel technicians help test how air moves around objects like cars, aircraft, or buildings. They set up and run experiments in wind tunnels, which are special facilities that simulate real world air movement. The job involves preparing equipment, collecting data, and making sure everything runs safely and accurately. Wind tunnel technicians often work with engineers and scientists to help improve designs by seeing how they perform under different conditions. To become a wind tunnel technician, most people take a college course or apprenticeship in mechanical or aerospace engineering. Maths, physics, and engineering at school are helpful. Some go on to study engineering at university, but hands-on skills are just as important. Being good with computers, understanding technical drawings, and paying close attention to details are all key in this role.



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

Week 2 After school clubs	Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
	Monday	Football	KS3	3G	
	Monday	Business studies P6	11		
	Monday	Cadets	All	Containers on field	JOJ
	Monday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	SAJ
	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.



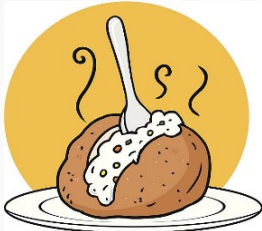
You can complete the survey by scanning the QR code
using the link below or email info@pcfcheshirewest.org

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



www.pcfcheshirewest.org/survey26

Menu for week beginning 19th January 2026

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1– Week Commencing 19/01/2026					
Hot Serve// Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	Chilli and Rice	Cottage Pie and Veg	Fish Fingers, Potato Croquettes, and Beans	Stew and Crusty Bread or Tomato Soup and Cheese Toastie	Burgers, Wedges, and Beans
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> 				

'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

"KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS. SPREAD IT AROUND."

SEND Parents Drop-in Sessions in Chester

FREE RESOURCES
PROVIDED TO
SUPPORT YOUR
CHILD

SEND PRACTITIONER
ATTENDING FOR ADVICE AND
TO PROVIDE RESOURCES

FRIENDLY FACES AND A
WELCOMING
ATMOSPHERE

TEA, COFFEE AND
BISCUITS PROVIDED

CHESTER 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
FRIDAY

9:30AM - 11AM

VICTORIA CHILDREN'S
CENTRE, CHEYNEY RD,
CHESTER CH1 4BR



LITTLE ONES
WELCOME!

