



Blacon's Blog

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

ISSUE 19—30th January 2026

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Headlines - Message from the Head

This week has seen students taking part in debates about whether phones should be banned in schools, with Blacon High School represented superbly at the Crowne Plaza. Mind of the student workshops were also delivered to all students in Years 7 - 10 as part of our mental health programme.

We were excited to have Years 7 and 8 attending a STEM workshop delivered by a theatre company working in collaboration with BAE Systems, The Royal Air Force and The Royal Navy on Thursday in a thoroughly engaging workshop, to deliver information linked to Science and Maths and to promote careers in Engineering.

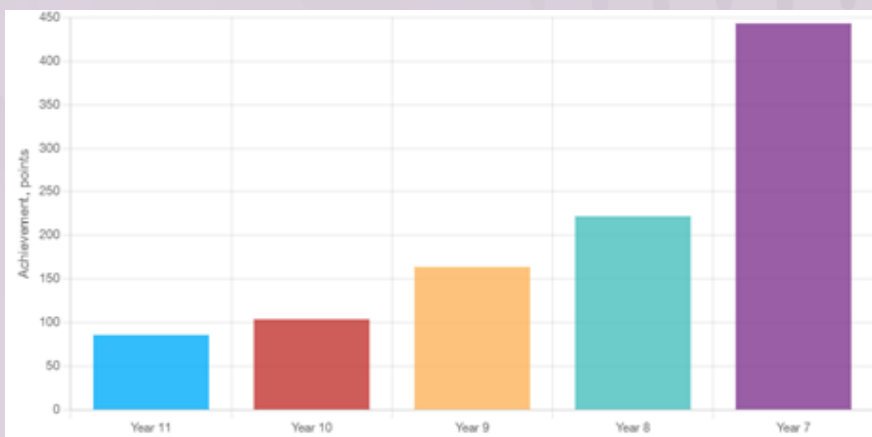
Issue 19 of our weekly blog also features all of the superb work of our sports' department and success in PE across all year groups and the full range of sports. Staff have enjoyed training on learning and teaching today, with Maths and English staff visiting Years 5 and 6 in the BEV Primary Schools. Staff enjoyed seeing their work and look forward to building on this success. I hope you have an enjoyable long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

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 19:



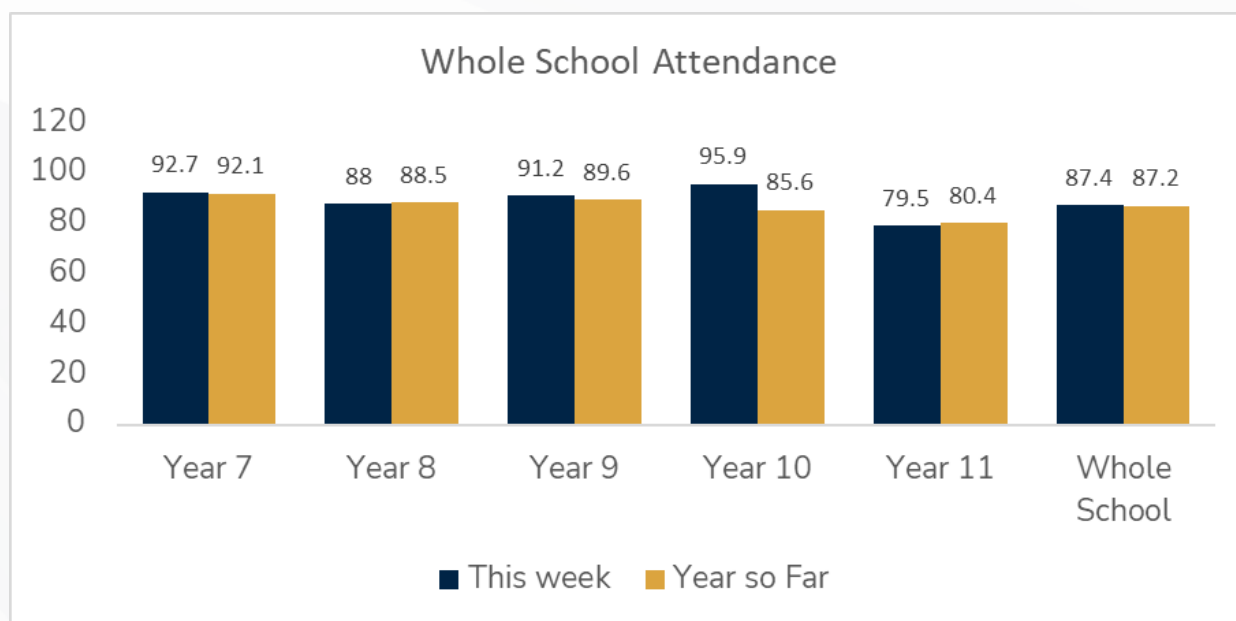
Year	Total Points
7	443
8	222
9	164
10	104
11	86

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

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Chester Rotary Debate

Six of our year 7 pupils and 3 of our year 10 pupils visited the Crowne Plaza in Chester over the past two weeks to participate in the Rotary debate competition.

There was fierce competition from Upton High, The King's School, Queens and the Hammond, but our pupils did Blacon proud!

The Key stage 3 debates focused on whether phones should be banned in schools and whether AI should be used, and our year 10s debated brilliantly about the legalisation of euthanasia. A big thank you

to Mr Green and Mr Sabri for the lifts in the Mini bus, and well done to our pupils for a brilliant job, Miss Liddell is very proud of you!



Dates for the Diary 2026



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2nd – 13th February – Year 11 Mock Examinations



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13th February - School closes at 4pm for Half Term



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23rd February - School opens after Half Term



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Have Your Say on SEND Services

**Have Your
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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

Parent Carer Forum News—January



Dive into everything happening for parent carers in Cheshire West & Chester this month!

From vital updates on the 2026 *PCF Survey* (closing soon on 6th February), to details on upcoming SEND events, webinars and training. Book onto our *Preparation for Adulthood* event at Civic Hall,

read highlights and watch the recording from our SENDIASS webinar, and find out how the *Neurodiversity Profiling Tool "Knowing Me"* is being rolled out in schools and to book onto the parents awareness training.

Plus, there's news from national SEND discussions, local coffee meet-ups, and ways you can get involved.

Read the full update and get all the links here: [PCF January News](#)

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

Learning outside the Classroom

We are always pleased to offer our students opportunities to develop their learning outside of the usual classroom environment. This week we were lucky enough to host two workshops delivered by external providers which were enjoyed by staffs and students alike!

On Tuesday 27th January, Years 7-10 attended a workshop delivered by Mind of the Student.



This programme supports students with knowing where they can seek help regarding Mental Health and how to manage feelings and emotions; especially as they navigate their way through school, dealing with growing up, friendships, exams, anxiety and stress. Students engaged with a variety of interactive activities throughout the workshop.

On Thursday 29th January, Years 7 and 8 attended a STEM workshop delivered by a theatre company working in collaboration with BAE Systems, The Royal Air Force and The Royal Navy. This was a superbly engaging workshop, with high octane performances to deliver information around Science and Maths and to promote careers in Engineering - and the skills all students have to be able to succeed in this career.



Vacancies

We have recently posted some vacancies on our website. More information can be found here:

- [Exam Invigilator](#)
- [Attendance Administrative Assistant](#)
- [Reading Intervention Assistant](#)
- [Cleaning Supervisor](#)

Please complete the online application form via the Cheshire West and Chester Council Website. CV's will not be accepted.

For queries please email recruitment@blaconhigh.cheshire.sch.uk

Sports Report—January 2026

Basketball

The U14 girls' basketball team showed great character and teamwork at the Chester and District round-robin tournament. After a couple of early defeats, the girls demonstrated excellent resilience to earn a draw and then finish the tournament with a superb win, showing huge progress and spirit throughout. Thank you to Year 10 students Sonny and Alfie for refereeing the games.

The Year 8/9 boys' team played their first fixture against a very strong side from Kings High School. There were many pleasing aspects of the performance, with clear areas identified for improvement under both baskets to support further progress. Well done to Hector and Kayden for scoring some excellent lay-ups.



Sports Report—January 2026

Football

The Year 10 boys drew 1–1 with Bishops Bluecoat School thanks to a goal from Alfie in a close, end-to-end friendly. It was good preparation for their Cheshire Cup quarter-final against Altrincham Grammar School for Boys. Although we lost to a strong side on the day, the students should be very proud of reaching the last eight of such a popular competition.



The Year 11 boys travelled to Runcorn to face Sandymoor Ormiston Academy in the last 16 of the Cheshire Cup. After conceding early goals, the team grew into the game and pulled one back through Jake. Despite creating further chances, we were unable to convert them and the opposition added late goals to secure a 5–1 win. The students can be proud of their effort and determination.



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Badminton

Our Year 9, 10 and 11 boys' and girls' badminton teams took on GCSE badminton students from Upton High School in a mixture of full-court singles and doubles matches. It was fantastic to see such competitive, closely fought games. Well done to Jordan, who was undefeated in his singles matches, Aayat and Lucie for an excellent doubles debut, and Lucas, Conilias, Jack and Zack for showing great resilience to win tight contests. A superb evening of badminton.



Sports Hall Athletics

The Year 7 and 8 boys' and girls' teams performed excellently at the Chester and District Sports Hall Athletics event. The athletes showed determination on the track and power in the jumping and throwing events. Congratulations to Year 7 Blu and Year 8 Archie for winning their shot events. There was also success on the track with individual 4-lap victories for Isabelle (Year 7 girls) and Charlie (Year 7 boys).

With 10 schools competing, the Year 7 boys finished 7th overall, and all teams can be proud of their relay performances and explosive jumping displays. A superb effort from every student involved.

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

Students have engaged well in fitness, volleyball and table tennis this half term. Our extra-curricular programme continues to thrive, with excellent attendance at boys' and girls' football, dance, netball, volleyball and badminton. It's brilliant to see so many students staying active, developing their skills and representing the school.

Check the timetable, bring a friend and get involved – especially once the Year 11 mock exams have finished!



Job of the week

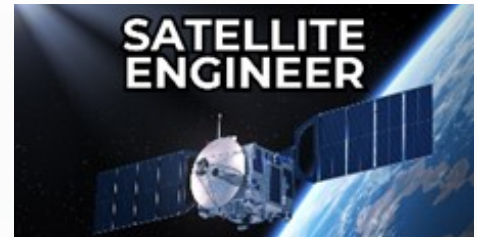
The job of the week this week is a Satellite Engineer

Satellite engineers design, build, and look after satellites that are used for things like TV, internet, weather forecasting, and space exploration.

They make sure the satellite systems work properly both before and after they are launched into space. This can involve testing equipment, solving technical problems, and working with other engineers and

scientists. Some satellite engineers also help plan space missions or monitor satellites from control centers here on Earth.

To become a satellite engineer, a degree in a subject like aerospace engineering, electronic engineering, physics, or space science, is usually needed. Some may also go on to do a master's degree or PhD, especially if they want to work on advanced space projects. Strong maths and science skills are important as well as being good at solving problems and working as part of a team.



[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



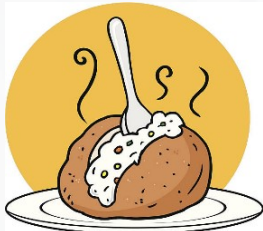
Week 2 Lunch Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
	Dance	7	Studio	Miss Joynson
	Maths club	KS4	506	Mr Pedder
Tuesday	Dance	8	Studio	Miss Joynson
	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
	Book Club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
	Poetry Revision	Year 11	Library	Mr Stockdale
Wednesday	Maths	KS3	502	Miss Price
	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
	Board Game Club	KS3	315	Mrs Hughes
Thursday	Volleyball	All	Sports hall	Mr Cairns
	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns
	Choreography Club	KS3	Studio	Miss Joynson
	Creative Writing Club	All	Library	Miss Cary
	Matilda Rehearsals - Dance			
Friday	Football	All	MUGA	Mr Cairns

Week 2 After school clubs


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

Menu for week beginning 2nd February 2026

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1- Week Commencing 02/022026					
Hot Serve// Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	Chilli, Rice and Nachos	Cheese and Bacon Baguettes	Sausage, Mash, Peas and Gravy	Pizza Twists	Chicken Goujon Wraps
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?

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Equipment available to buy everyday!

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



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"KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS. SPREAD IT AROUND."

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