



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

As the spring half term draws to a close, I am incredibly proud to share this blog with you. It contains numerous stories of student success in sport, dance and chess in a local competition. We are delighted to have received funding for 10 students in Dance to visit Pineapple Studios in London for an overnight visit, all expenses paid, thanks to the generosity of Equity.

It was a pleasure to welcome Sam Dixon MBE, our local MP in to school today, to speak to students about their ideas for improving the community of Blacon and they were a credit to the school. We enjoyed a tour of school, including Art, Design and a visit to the library to share plans for our work linked to the National Year of Reading. We look forward to welcoming Year 11 in to school next week to complete revision sessions with staff in support of their forthcoming exams. I leave you with our inspirational quote of the week from Hill Harper, 'Believe in yourself, work hard, work smart and passionately present your best self.'

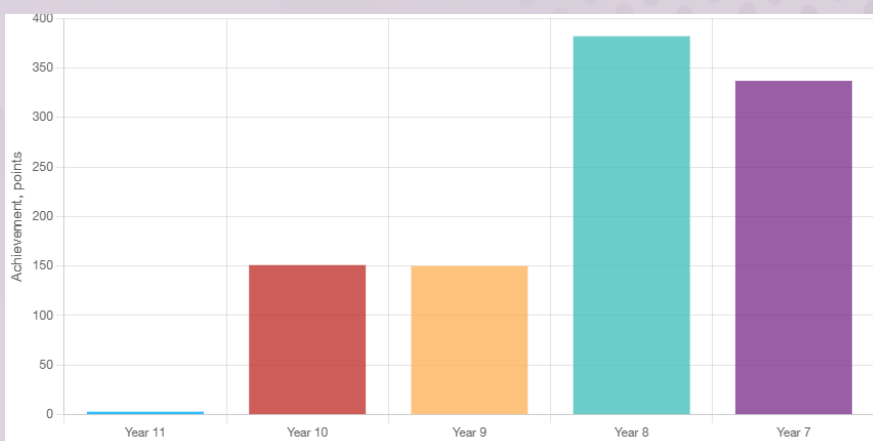
I wish you all a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 23rd February 2026.

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 21:



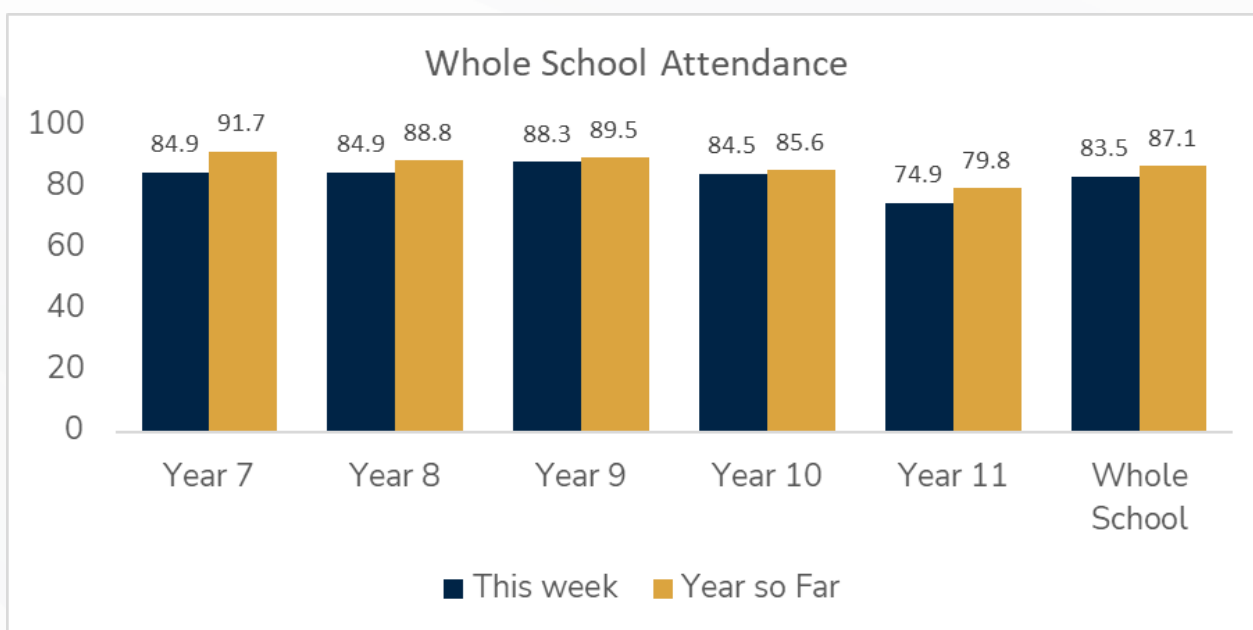
Year	Total Points
7	337
8	382
9	150
10	151
11	3

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 83.5%. We have improved attendance overall by 0.9% 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



Duke of Edinburgh Award: Information for Year 9 and 10

Year 9 and Year 10 students have taken part in assemblies to learn more about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (D of E) and what participation involves.

During the assemblies, Mrs Hughes gave students key information about the programme, including the different sections of the award, time commitments,

and the skills and experiences they can gain through taking part.

Following strong interest from students, we are pleased to announce that enrolment for the D of E has been reopened to ensure that all students who would like to take part have the opportunity to do so. This includes students who may have missed the previous sign-up window.

Students and parents with any questions about the award, expectations, or the enrolment process are encouraged to contact Mrs Hughes, who will be happy to help. Sign-up will close on **23rd February**, after which no further applications can be accepted.

We look forward to welcoming another group of students onto the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and supporting them through this rewarding journey.



Cheshire West & Chester Council

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Youth Zones

Mon and Tues 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Cost: free

11 to 19 year olds (up to 25 yrs if SEND)

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



Relax



Create



Eat



Achieve



Support

Address:
Delta Youth Centre,
Cairn's Crescent, Blacon, Chester, CH1 5JF

Chester Zoo's Greener Futures Programme

This week, we were delighted to welcome educators from Chester Zoo into school to work with our Year 7 students as part of the Greener Futures programme.



During the session, students learned about a range of native UK species, exploring how their populations have changed over time and the challenges many of these animals currently face. The workshop encouraged pupils to think carefully about biodiversity, conservation, and the impact humans have on the natural world.

Students also discussed practical actions they can take to help protect local wildlife, both at home and within their communities. From creating wildlife-friendly gardens to making small everyday changes, pupils were enthusiastic about how they can contribute to a more sustainable future.



The session was engaging, informative, and sparked thoughtful discussions throughout the year group. We are very proud of how well our students represented the school and look forward to continuing our work with Chester Zoo as part of the Greener Futures programme.



Motivational Quote of the Week

“Believe in yourself,
work hard, work
smart and
passionately
present your best
self.”

—
Hill Harper



Hill Harper is an American actor and author who writes books about health and wellbeing for underserved communities and for young people. Hill is very involved in American politics, advocating for disadvantaged children, financial literacy, and for civil rights protections. He is a four-time New York Times bestseller and stars in multiple successful TV shows.

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



Chester Schools Together Chess Tournament!



Five outstanding Year 9 pupils proudly represented our school at the Chester Schools Together Chess Tournament, organised by Bishop's Chess Club. They were fantastic ambassadors, showing resilience, focus and superb sportsmanship throughout a highly competitive event. Pictured are the students with Mrs Hudson and Mrs Gilmour, the new Chair of Governors.

A special congratulations goes to William, who progressed all the way to the quarter-finals — an incredible achievement. He was narrowly defeated by the eventual tournament winner, who had previously been runner-up to Hayden (Year 11), last year's champion.

Chess may be quiet, but it is intensely competitive, demanding concentration, strategy and nerve. Inspired by the event, we are excited to announce that a new Blacon High School Chess Club will be launching very soon — watch this space!



Dates for the Diary 2026



Thursday 26th February - Year 7 Progress Evening, 4-7pm



Monday 16th March - Year 10 Assessments begin for two weeks



Monday 19th March - Year 11 Progress Evening



Thursday 26th March - Year 9 Progress & Options Evening



Thursday 2nd April - School closes for Easter Break

Parent Governor Vacancy

A vacancy has opened on Blacon High School's governing board.

We are currently seeking a new parent governor, who will work as part of the governing board to provide confident and strategic leadership and to create robust accountability, oversight, and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance.

As a parent governor, you will work with the board to make sure it effectively carries out its duties. You will also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the governing board.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children;
- Good interpersonal skills, curiosity;
- A willingness to learn and develop new skills;

If you are interested in nominating yourself for this role, please visit our school website for the Parent Governor Candidate Application Form, which will be available on our school website. Completed forms can be returned to admin@blaconhigh.cheshire.sch.uk.

The deadline for nominations is Sunday 22nd February at 5pm.

Local MP Visit and Pride in Place Survey

We were very pleased to welcome Sam Dixon MBE, our local MP, to our school this afternoon. Sam discussed her 'Pride in Place' survey with our students, which was launched to collect local opinions on what can be done to improve our community. The students filled in their forms during PHSE this morning and we were pleased to see so many of them engaging positively

Members of our Student Parliament also met with Sam to discuss the National Year of Reading, and what we have been doing with Ms Redmond and our library team to celebrate reading across the school. Thank you to all who were involved in this visit.



London Dance Trip Winners!

We are absolutely delighted to share some incredible news with our school community — we have been selected as the lucky winners of the Equity School Travel 10 Free Places Competition!

This amazing achievement means that ten of our talented dancers, accompanied by Miss Joynson and Miss Mchale, will be heading to London this March for a truly once-in-a-lifetime, all-expenses-paid experience.

The trip promises to be unforgettable. Our students will:

- Travel to London by train
- Take part in two exclusive private workshops at the world-renowned Pineapple Dance Studios
- Experience the magic of the West End with a performance of Mamma Mia!
- Enjoy an overnight stay in the capital



This opportunity not only celebrates the dedication and talent of our dancers, but also gives them the chance to train in a professional setting and be inspired by the very best in the industry.

Miss Joynson and Mrs Hudson had the pleasure of meeting with the Equity team last week to officially accept this wonderful prize on behalf of the school.



We are incredibly excited, and grateful for this opportunity. It will undoubtedly be a memorable and inspiring experience for our students — one that they will treasure for years to come. We can't wait to share more updates as the trip approaches!

Exploring DNA in Year 8 Science

Year 8 have been exploring inheritance in Science by creating models of cell nuclei. As part of this topic, students carefully constructed strands of DNA and chromosomes to demonstrate how genetic information is stored within our cells. The creativity and scientific



understanding shown in their models has been excellent, and it was great to see such enthusiasm for this fascinating area of biology.

These models were created by 8 Grey.

Children's Mental Health Week



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This week students were delivered assemblies in recognition of Children's Mental Health Week.

This week's theme was 'This is My Place', and was all about belonging. Students were told about services available to support them in school and outside of it.

This Children's Mental Health Week, we want parents and carers to also know that help and support is out there out there. This includes the service Young Minds', whose [Parents Helpline](#) advisors can provide free, expert, confidential, 1-1 advice.

For more information on support available to our students, and to parents and carers, please visit our school website here:

[Blacon High School | Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

FIGHTING FOR CHANGE

2026

YOUTH



**KING GEORGE V
SPORTS HUB**

**YOUTH SERVICE - KING GEORGE
COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB**

YOUTH VIOLENCE PROJECT

High School **AGED 11-19 (UP TO 25 IF
SEND OR CARE LEAVER)**

STARTS - TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY

4PM-5.30PM

KING GEORGE COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB

**BLACON AVENUE,
CHESTER CH1 5BD**

**GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO SIGN UP AT
YOUNGPEOPLESSERVICE@CHESHIREWESTANDCHESTER.GOV.UK**

Sports Report - February 2026

Basketball

The Year 8/9 boys' basketball team played their second fixture against Queens Park High School in a fast, end-to-end game. It was a much improved performance compared to their previous match. Despite a 41-18 defeat, there were many positives. Missed layups and rebounds proved costly, and the opposition converted four excellent three-pointers at key moments. Alex and Wayne were our MVPs. The team finished 3rd overall and will now play Upton High School in the upcoming bronze medal match.

The Year 7 boys' team competed in their first basketball tournament at Queens Park High School, playing four matches. Their improvement across the tournament was excellent. They lost 12-0 to Kings and 16-0 to eventual winners Upton, before a narrow 3-0 loss to Queens Park High in a game where missed layups proved frustrating. In their final match they defeated Abbey Gate 4-2, with Mo scoring twice. The team finished 4th overall. Fergus was named MVP for his outstanding ball carrying, while Finley and Kai were superb in defence and rebounding.



Football

The Year 9 boys' football team played Abbey Gate in a friendly and lost a nine-goal thriller 5-4. Sam scored twice and Max added another, alongside an own goal forced by attacking pressure. The team created good chances but were punished on the counter attack. Despite the result, the boys demonstrated excellent teamwork and commitment throughout.



Sports Report - February 2026



The Year 7 and 8 girls' football team produced an incredible performance in Round 2 of the ESFA Cup for new teams, drawing 6–6 with Rainford High School before winning 4–2 on penalties. The girls showed tremendous resilience, coming back from 6-2 down. Olive scored five goals, Poppie scored a rocket to force penalties, and Amber converted the winning spot kick. A fantastic comeback victory - the team now progresses

to Round 3 where they will play Turton from Bolton.

Handball

Blacon High School's U13 girls handball team delivered a fantastic performance at the Chester & District competition held at Bishops High School, finishing as well-deserved runners-up.

The girls played with skill and confidence, creating fast breaks and showing strong, organised defensive shape. Their determination and teamwork carried them to the final, where they were narrowly beaten 1–0 by a penalty in a very closely contested match.



Sports Report - February 2026

Dodgeball

The Year 7 and 8 boys' dodgeball team performed superbly at the Chester & District tournament at Queens Park High School. They played five high-intensity matches against Abbey Gate and Queens Park teams, demonstrating strong teamwork, tactical awareness and communication throughout. The team finished 3rd overall. Jonah (Year 8) and Alfie (Year 7) were named players of the tournament.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Students have engaged extremely well in handball, multi-skills and volleyball this half term. Our extra-curricular programme continues to thrive, with excellent attendance at boys' and girls' football, dance, netball, volleyball and badminton.

It is brilliant to see so many students staying active, developing their skills and proudly representing the school.

Please check the timetable — we now move into our final six weeks of curriculum clubs before the summer programme begins. Bring a friend and get involved, especially once the Year 11 mock exams have finished.



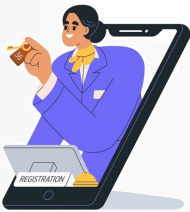
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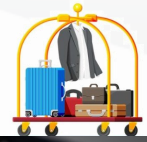
Job of the week

The job of the week this week is a Concierge

A concierge works in hotels, luxury apartments, or office buildings, helping guests or residents with all sorts of requests. Their job is to make people's lives easier by booking taxis, making restaurant reservations, giving directions, arranging deliveries, or even helping with travel plans. A concierge needs to be polite, friendly, and ready to solve problems quickly. They are often the first person someone speaks to when they arrive, so making a good first impression is very important. There are no strict qualifications to become a concierge, but employers usually look for good GCSEs, especially in English and Maths. Experience in customer service or hospitality is helpful. Some people also take courses in travel and tourism or hospitality.



A concierge needs to be well spoken, organised, and calm under pressure. Knowing local places and services is also helpful, as is being able to speak



[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



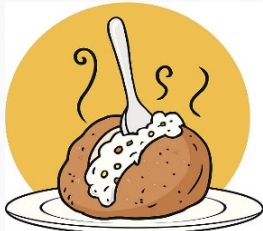
Week 2 Lunch Clubs

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 23rd February 2026

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2- Week Commencing 23/022026					
Hot Serve// Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	Tex Mex	Curry and Rice and Naan	Stir Fry Chicken or Veg	Mac and Cheese	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 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."