



Blacon's Blog

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

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HIGH SCHOOL

Headlines - Message from the Head

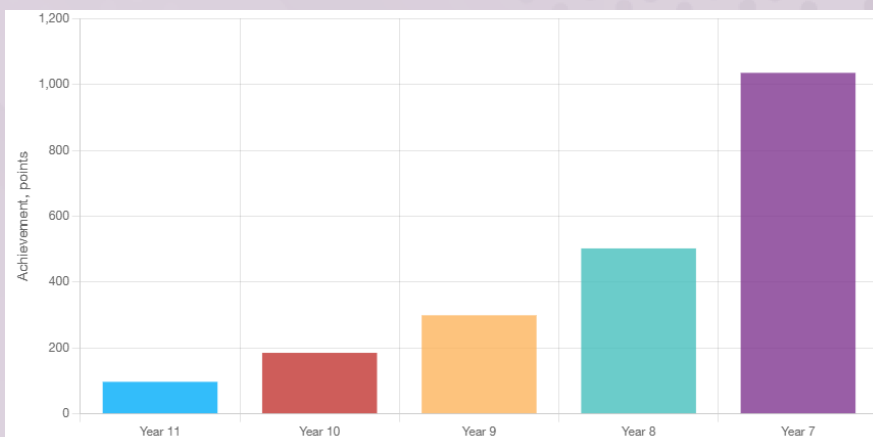
As the evenings become lighter and spring is in full flow, it has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school after half term. Year 7 have enjoyed a fantastic visit to Chester Zoo, Year 8 visited Chester Racecourse for a day of hands on learning with the opportunity to explore career opportunities and Year 10 went to Ruthin Gaol as part of their History studies. It was a pleasure to award medals in assembly to students in Year 7 for outstanding attainment and progress in Science and to see how well students are progressing in their preparation for the Year 11 summer exams, following the recent mocks. Students have been working hard with English and Maths tutoring and Year 7 have earned an impressive 1035 points, the highest yet!

Our blog this week is a bumper edition with highlights of our sports success, both for our students and for the BEV - our local partner Primary Schools. We received some superb feedback from Year 7 parents for their first Progress Evening and it was a pleasure to see so many families in attendance. We are also proud to announce that Mrs Beyer has successfully completed a counselling qualification. I wish you all a restful weekend and thank you for your ongoing support. **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 22:



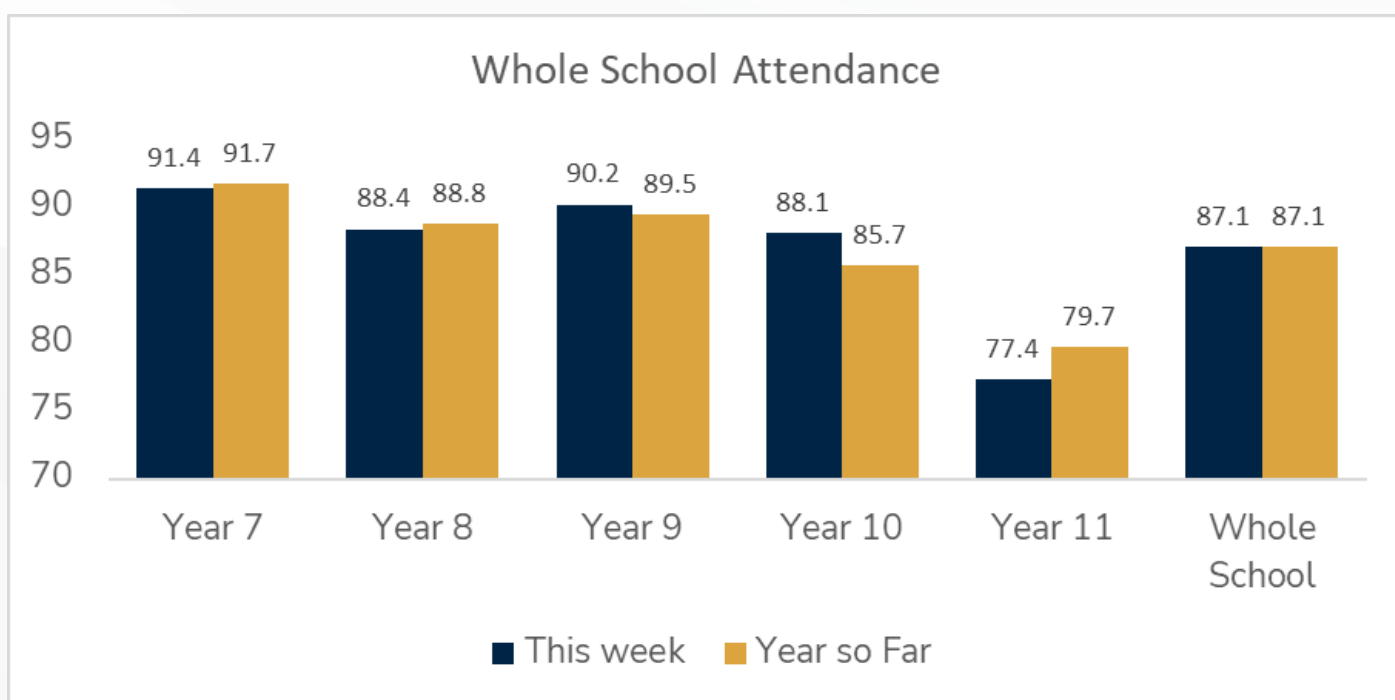
Year	Total Points
7	1035
8	502
9	229
10	185
11	97

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

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



Year 8 Visit Chester Racecourse with Racing to School

On Wednesday 25th February, our Year 8 students enjoyed an exciting and highly educational trip to Chester Racecourse, led by Mr Pedder and Mrs Hancock, in partnership with Racing to School.

The day was carefully structured to bring learning to life through real-world experiences, linking classroom topics to the world of sport, history, maths, science and careers.

A Day of Hands-On Learning

Students began with a fascinating insight into what happens before a race, exploring the emotions and mind set of both jockeys and horses. This helped pupils understand the psychological and physical preparation involved in elite sport.

They then examined jockeys' racing kit, learning about:

- Safety requirements
- Materials used in helmets and body protectors
- The importance of weight and how it affects performance



Year 8 Visit Chester Racecourse with Racing to School

A careers talk from the Head of Marketing at Chester Racecourse opened students' eyes to the wide range of jobs involved in the racing industry. Pupils learned that careers in racing go far beyond jockeys and trainers, including roles in marketing, finance, media, events, grounds keeping and animal welfare.

Maths, Measurement and Safety in Action

Around the parade ring, students explored health and safety by calculating how many horses could safely fit in the space. Using trundle wheels, they measured distances and worked with averages to apply mathematical reasoning in a real-life context.

Out on the racecourse itself, pupils investigated:

- Different types of measurements and conversions
- Race distances and track layouts
- How precise measurement is essential in professional sport

History and Immersive Experiences

Students also discovered the rich history of Chester Racecourse, which dates all the way back to 1539, making it the oldest racecourse still in use in the world.



One of the highlights of the day was the use of VR headsets, where pupils experienced what it feels like to be part of a race from a jockey's perspective — an unforgettable and immersive way to end the visit.

Year 8 Visit Chester Racecourse with Racing to School

A Memorable Experience

The trip was an excellent example of learning beyond the classroom, combining curriculum knowledge with practical application, career inspiration and historical context. A huge thank you to Racing to School, Chester Racecourse, and to Mr Pedder and Mrs Hancock for making the day such a success



Celebrating Year 7 Science Achievement

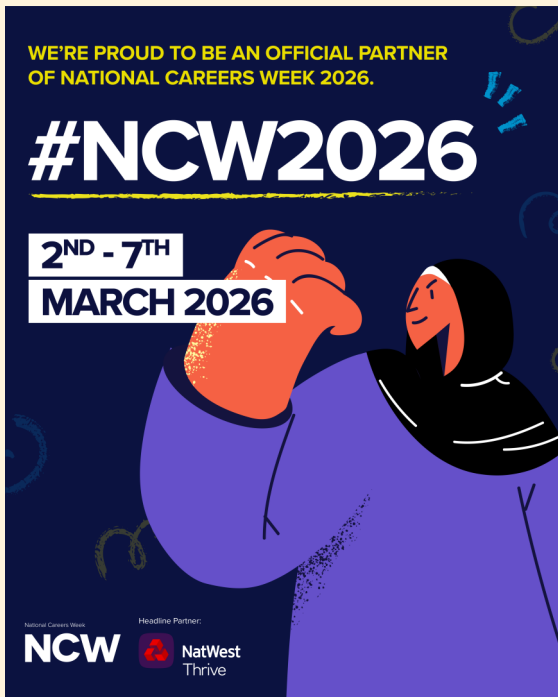
This week 10 Year 7 students were awarded medals in recognition of their achievements in Science. Medals were given to our top 5 achievers: Corey, Connor, Maya, Emily and Carter, and to five students who were nominated by their teachers for



their outstanding effort: Xander, Kacey, Olly, Mohammed and Abbie.

We would like to congratulate these students for their excellent work ethic and dedication!

National Careers Week 2026



As we look forward to National Careers Week (2-7th March 2026), we would like to share with our parents and carers The Parents' Guide to Careers. The guide is free to download, and provides you with the information you need to guide your young people towards happy and successful careers. The guide covers a range of topics, including: Post-16 options, studying for exams, applying to university or for an apprenticeship, and much more.

This National Careers week, we will be encouraging students to consider their future options with resources across the curriculum, and the NCW'S guide will support you in doing so as well. As always, thank you for your support.

To download their guide, please click this link: [The Parents' Guide](#)

Staff Spotlight

We would like to congratulate Miss Beyers for graduating with her diploma in Counselling this week. Miss Beyers has now received her level four certificate, and is also qualified in level five Children and Young People. She is excited to start using her qualifications.

Well done Miss Beyers!



Trip to Ruthin Gaol

This week, Year 10 took a really interesting trip to Ruthin Gaol in North Wales to enhance their knowledge on the prison system in the 18th and 19th century.



Students learnt about the Separate and Silent system, the Crank, Execution and Transportation, all as part of their Crime and Punishment studies.

Well done to our Year 10 historians for their excellent behaviour and engagement, and thanks to Mr Fishwick for coming and Mrs Kennedy for kindly joining us!



Motivational Quote of the Week

"There are no limits to what you can accomplish, except the limits you place on your own thinking."

Brian Tracey



Brian Tracey is a Canadian-American motivational speaker and self-development author. His books focus on leadership, self-esteem, setting goals and success psychology. His bestselling book 'Eat that Frog!' is a guide to tackling procrastination and bad habits, teaching time management skills to make the most of your day.

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



Year 9 Vaccinations

A letter went home earlier this week to parents and carers of Year 9 students, informing them that Intrahealth will be visiting school on **Wednesday 1st April** to deliver the MenACWY and 3-in-1 teenage booster vaccine to Year 9 students.

Intrahealth ask that if you would like your child to receive these vaccines, protecting against meningitis, sepsis, tetanus, diphtheria, and polio, that you give your consent digitally by **Wednesday 25th March 2026** at the link below:

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/5e2fb0b8>

Information regarding these vaccines is available on the NHS website:

[MenACWY vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[3-in-1 teenage booster overview - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

If you have any queries or wish to withdraw consent, please do not hesitate to contact the Intrahealth Immunisation Team:

Telephone: **03333 583 397 option 7, Option 2**

Email: Imms.W-Chester-CW@intrahealth.co.uk



Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral
School Aged Immunisation Service

Dates for the Diary 2026



Tuesday 3rd March—Year 10 Bursary Information Evening, 6pm



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



Thursday 19th March - Year 11 Progress Evening



Thursday 26th March - Year 9 Progress and Options Evening



Wednesday 1st April - Year 9 Vaccinations



Thursday 2nd April - School closes for Easter Break

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Training Sessions Begin



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LIMITS**



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We are delighted to announce that Duke of Edinburgh (D of E) training will begin on **Wednesday 4th March**, and take place every Wednesday after school from **3:30pm – 4:30pm in Room 315**.

During these sessions, students will develop the essential skills needed to successfully complete their expedition section, including navigation, route planning, kit preparation, camp craft, and teamwork.

The training sessions are **compulsory for all Year 9 and Year 10 students** who are completing the award, as they provide vital preparation to ensure students feel confident, safe, and fully prepared for their expedition.

We look forward to supporting our students as they begin this exciting and rewarding challenge.

World Book Day Quiz



BLACON HIGH SCHOOL'S WORLD BOOK DAY QUIZ

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.



Thursday 5th March
1:30pm in the Library

6 IN '26

Join in with the National Year of Reading and take part in our 6 in '26 Reading challenge!

All you need to do is read 6 books of your choice by the end of the Summer term - go all in!

P.S. Graphic novels and manga are included in the books you can choose from.

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**GO
ALL
IN.**

WIN A £10 AMAZON VOUCHER!



See Miss Redmond in the Library to join the challenge

Sports Report - February 2026

Girls Football

Chester & District Cup Quarter Final Drama

Our Year 7/8 girls were involved in a thrilling end-to-end encounter against Bishops Heber High School in the Quarter Final of the Chester & District Cup.



In a fantastic, high-energy match, the girls battled to a 3–3 draw in normal time, with goals from Olive, Poppie, and Lola.

Despite an outstanding team performance full of effort, determination and resilience, the game went to penalties where we narrowly lost 2–1 in the shootout. The result did not reflect the commitment and character shown by the team against very strong opposition. Every player should be incredibly proud of their performance.

Even more impressive was the turnaround, with another cup fixture the very next day in Round 3 of the National Cup — a true test of both physical and mental resilience.

National Cup - Reaching the Last 32 in the Country

The year 7/8 Girls continued their remarkable journey in the Schools Football Cup (Cup for new teams), reaching Round 3 and the last 32 teams in the country — an incredible achievement in itself.



They faced a strong side from Bolton, Turton High School, eventually losing 9–3. However, the score line does not tell the full story. The girls competed throughout, had chances, never stopped working, and continued to show bravery on the ball and togetherness as a team against top-quality opposition. Goals were scored by Olive 🏆🏆 and Lola 🏆

To reach the last 32 nationally in our first campaign at this level is a historic accomplishment for the school and a testament to the players' dedication, teamwork and belief. Shout out to Captain Poppie who always plays with her heart on her sleeve and gives 100% into every game.

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This Year 7/8 group has been competitive in every Chester, Cheshire and National Cup fixture this season. Their progress highlights the rapid growth of girls' football within our school.

We are also delighted to announce that we have secured girls-only football club training funding from CSSP from September through to February for the 2026/2027 season. This is a huge step forward in developing the girls' game and providing even more opportunities for our students to grow, compete and succeed.

The future of girls' football at our school is incredibly bright! Well done to all the players involved. You continue to represent the school with pride, passion and resilience.

BEV Primary School Dodgeball Competition

Our recent BEV Primary School Dodgeball Competition was a huge success, showcasing the energy, agility and teamwork of local pupils — and highlighting the leadership skills of our fantastic sports leaders.

Year 3 Results

The Year 3 competition was fiercely contested, with some brilliant dodging, catching and teamwork on display. The final standings were:

- 1st J H Godwin Primary School
- 2nd St Theresa's Catholic Primary School
- 3rd The Arches Community Primary School

Year 4 Results

The high standard continued in the Year 4 event, with fast-paced matches and excellent sportsmanship throughout. The results were:

- 1st Highfield Community Primary School
- 2nd St Theresa's Catholic Primary School
- 3rd The Arches Community Primary School



Sports Report - February 2026

Outstanding Leadership

A special mention must go to our Year 8 and Year 10 sports leaders, who led the event superbly. They umpired matches, kept scores, organised fixtures and ensured the competition ran smoothly from start to finish. Their professionalism, confidence and encouragement created a brilliant atmosphere for all involved.

A Celebration of Local Talent

It was fantastic to see so many agile, quick-thinking and talented dodgeball players from across Blacon competing with enthusiasm and determination. The standard of play was excellent, and the sportsmanship shown by all schools was a credit to the community.

Well done to every pupil who took part.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

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.



Job of the week

The job of the week this week is an Art Conservator

Art conservators work to protect and restore paintings, sculptures, and other artworks so they can be enjoyed by future generations. They carefully clean, repair, and preserve objects that may be hundreds of years old using a mix of science, history, and artistic skill. Art conservators often work in museums, galleries, or private studios, and they spend a lot of time studying how materials age and how best to treat them without causing damage.



[Job of the Week - Youtube](#)

Art conservators usually need a degree in conservation, fine art, or a related subject, followed by a post-graduate qualification in conservation. Subjects like chemistry, history of art and material science are also useful. Conservation is a competitive field, so hands-on experience through volunteering or internships in museums or studios is very important. A good art conservator needs to be patient, detail focused, and have a steady hand and eye for detail.



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



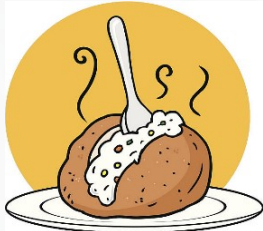
Week 1 Lunch Clubs

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	

Menu for week beginning 2nd March 2026

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2- Week Commencing 02/03/2026					
Hot Serve//// Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	Katsu Curry and Naan	Beef Burger or Veggie Burger	Roast Beef Dinner	Cheese Bagel and Hash Brown	Fish, Waffles 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?

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Equipment available to buy everyday!

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

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"CHALLENGE PREJUDICE, CHAMPION EQUALITY".

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