



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 we start the summer term, it has been great to see Year 11 working so well in their Art and Technology practical examinations this week. We are proud of the way that Year 11 have conducted themselves and made such a positive start to the exam season and wish them all well in the forthcoming exams.

Year 11 have also enjoyed a workshop in Maths, with the University of Liverpool, along with representatives attending an Equality and Diversity conference in Chester. Students in every year group have been involved in a presentation on drugs, delivered by PC Disby which has been delivered to young people across all of the schools in Cheshire, to ensure they are well informed about the dangers posed.

I have some staffing updates for you. We wish Miss S Weatherly all the best as she starts her maternity leave and welcome Mr J Pryor and Ms O Fabilola to the team of Teaching Assistants. Miss E Bryan has been successful in securing a new post in the attendance team so families will continue to work with her in this new role.

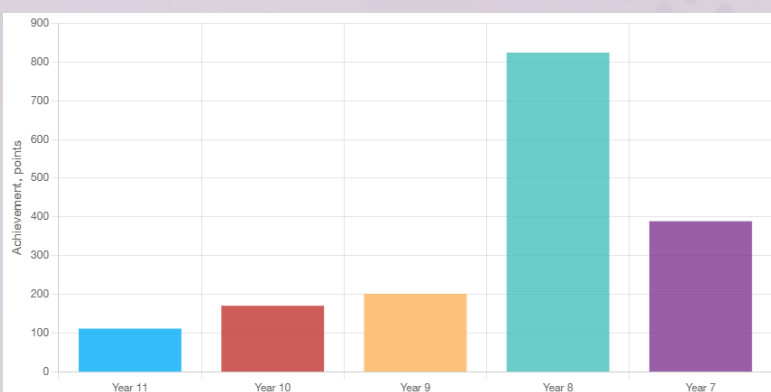
We wish Miss Sandland Jones every success as she is running the London marathon on Sunday and there is a link in the blog, if anyone is able to support her with fundraising for Mind. Thank you to parents for your continued support as we raise standards and have the highest expectations for students for conduct, dress and behaviour. I wish you all 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** for achieving the highest number of points.

Achievement Points Week 28:



Year	Total Points
7	389
8	824
9	202
10	171
11	112

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

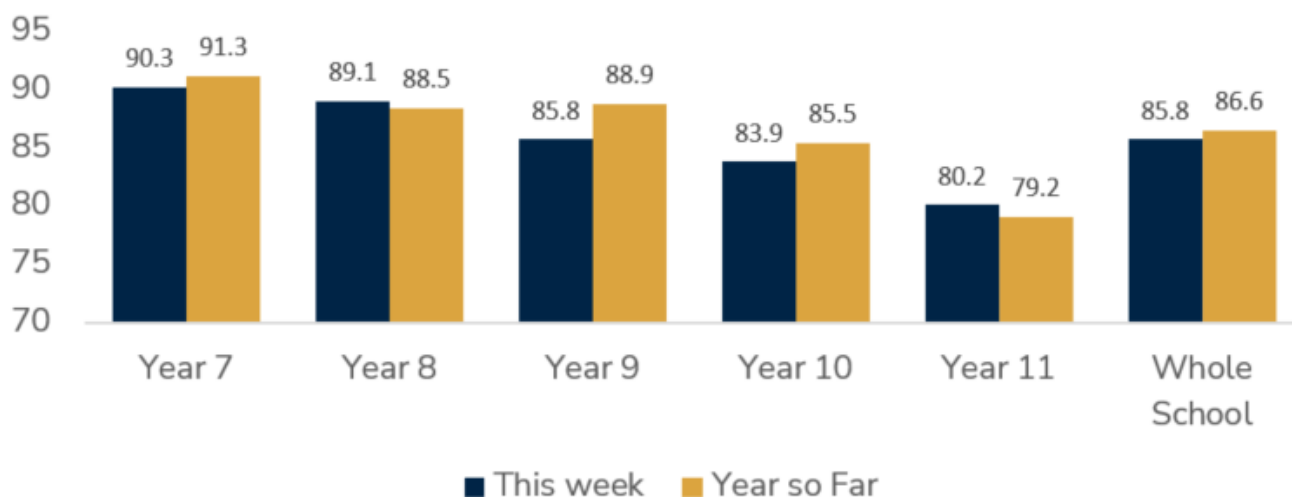
The attendance for the whole school so far is 88.6% with attendance for this week being at 85.8%

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.



Whole School Attendance



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



Home Learning Club - Supporting Confidence, Independence and Success



Our Home Learning Club provides a calm, structured space where students can complete homework, catch up on classwork and develop independent study skills. Designed to support learners who benefit from extra time, guidance or routine, the club plays an important role in helping students feel confident and prepared for their lessons.

The club runs regularly after school and is staffed by supportive adults who are on hand to offer encouragement, clarification and structure where needed. While the aim is not to replace classroom teaching, Home Learning Club ensures students have the opportunity to ask questions, manage their workload effectively and develop positive learning habits.



Over time, this helps them build resilience and confidence in their own abilities — skills that are essential both in school and beyond. For many students, home environments can be busy or challenging for focused study. Home Learning Club provides a **quiet, distraction-free space** where learning can remain the priority. This consistency is especially beneficial for students who struggle to complete homework at home or who need a clear routine to stay on track.

Home Learning Club - Supporting Confidence, Independence and Success

Last term, our students have contributed over 100 extra study hours on top of the school day, consisting in 77 hours during period 6 and 30 hours over the lunch time. With the GCSE exam phase approaching, Home Learning Club has been extended to run over the lunch time period for Year 11 students until half-term as **Revision Club**, where support for exam skills and revision is provided by a teacher present.

We also recognise the importance of student wellbeing. The club promotes a positive, low-pressure atmosphere where effort is celebrated and progress is recognised. By supporting students to complete work at school, Home Learning Club helps reduce stress and builds a healthier work-life balance. Home Learning Club is more than just a place to finish homework — it is a supportive environment that helps students develop responsibility, independence and confidence in their learning. We are proud of the positive impact it continues to have on both academic outcomes and student wellbeing.



Dates for the Diary 2026



Monday 4th May - School Closed for Bank Holiday



Monday 11th May - GCSE Exams begin



Friday 22nd May - Break up for Half Term at 3.10pm

Motivational Quote of the Week



“Don't count
the days,
make the
days count.”

Muhammad Ali



Muhammad Ali, is a great American boxer known for his quick movements and personality. In 1964, Muhammad Ali won the title of the heavyweight champion. He was stripped of the championship title due to his reluctance to participate in the Vietnam War, and he was not permitted to box for over three years. However, Muhammad Ali managed to return to boxing and reaffirm his dominance in the sport. He is an excellent example of resilience and willpower.

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



Cheshire Young Carers

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Are You a Young Carer?

! You might be a young carer if you help someone at home who needs extra support.

Do you ever:

- Help with cooking or cleaning
- Look after brothers or sisters
- Help someone move around
- Remind someone to take medicine
- Keep someone company when they're sad or unwell

If this sounds like you, talk to a trusted adult!

Speak to: _____

Or ask an adult at home to contact Cheshire Young Carers

It's okay to ask for help. Lots of children help at home. You're not alone!

If you would like to get in touch to discuss how we can help support a Young Carer in school, please contact the school and ask for Mrs K. Appleby or Mr S. Webster, who will be happy to help.

Year 11 Maths Relay Challenge with University of Liverpool

This week, we were delighted to welcome the University of Liverpool Outreach Team into school to work with our Year 11 students.

As part of their visit, students took part in an engaging “Dragon Relay Race”, a fast-paced and competitive maths challenge designed to support GCSE revision. Working in teams, students tackled a series of problems under time pressure, passing answers along the relay in a test of both accuracy and collaboration.

The session provided a great balance of challenge and enjoyment. Students were able to revisit key mathematical topics in a different format, helping to reinforce their understanding while building confidence ahead of their upcoming exams.

It was particularly encouraging to see the level of engagement across the year group, with students fully immersed in the competition and supporting one another throughout.

We are grateful to the University of Liverpool Outreach Team for delivering such a valuable and motivating experience, and we look forward to continuing to build links that support our students in both their academic progress and future aspirations.



New Year 7 Wildlife Club!



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CHESTER
ZOO

GREENER
FUTURES

Join Our

Wildlife CLUB

Fridays 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Explore Nature • Protect Wildlife • Make a Difference!



**Wildlife
Surveys**



**Habitat
Creation**



**Fun
Activities!**



**Conservation
Projects**

**Year 7 students
welcome**

KS3 Choreography Competition

Blacon High School KS3 Choreography competition



Win - One term of
Dance classes at North
West Dance Studios !!!

**Monday 11th
May 2025 P5**

Dancers can enter with solo or group performances in any genre of dance. Max performance time of 3 min. 2 max entries per person. .

See Miss Joynson to enter
and for more information!

Good Luck!

Staff Spotlight: London Marathon

Mrs Sandland-Jones will be running the London Marathon on Sunday 26th of April. She has been training incredibly hard for 19 weeks in all kinds of weather to prepare, and has put in a tremendous amount of effort and perseverance.

Mrs Sandland-Jones is running in support of Mind, a charity that champions the fight to improve access to mental health support. If you would like to support her, the donation link can be found here:

[Just Giving | L Sandland-Jones 2026 TCS London Marathon](#)

We hope you will join us in cheering her on —from all of us at Blacon High School, we wish her the best of luck!



EDI Conference

Fifteen Year 10 students joined representative from secondary schools in the Chester Schools Together partnership at their annual Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference. The event was held in the Queen's Campus at the University of Chester.

Students listened to three presentations from a representative of different sectors on key issues including racism, xenophobia and gender inequality, and how they affect health around the world.

Other presentations considered attitudes to sexuality and sexism while learning how to recognise and challenge inequality.

Most importantly, students were encouraged to have an opinion, to challenge appropriately and to use their voice.

All our students contributed to the conference and represented the school brilliantly.



Job of the week

The job of the week this week is a fire safety engineer

Fire safety engineers help to make buildings and structures safer by reducing the risk of fire, and making sure people can escape quickly if a fire does happen. Their job involves designing fire protection systems, planning escape routes, and

checking that buildings meet fire safety regulations. They often work on new construction projects, but also assess older buildings to improve safety.

Fire safety engineers use maths, science, and knowledge of how fire behaves to protect lives and property. To succeed in this job, it is important to be good at problem solving, understanding science and maths well and paying close attention to detail. Some engineers also work towards professional status like becoming a chartered engineer which can open up more job opportunities.



[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
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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 - KS3

Year 7

Lunchtime Clubs

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Dance	7	Studio	Miss Joynson
Monday	Football	All	MUGA	
Tuesday	Book club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Tuesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Tuesday	School Band	All	Music room	Miss McHale
Wednesday	Guitar Club	All	Music room	Break time
Wednesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Wednesday	Maths	KS3	502	Miss Price
Wednesday	Art	KS3	112	Week 1 only
Wednesday	Chess Club	All	315	Mrs Hughes
Thursday	Choreography club	KS3	Studio	Miss Joynson
Thursday	Football	All	MUGA	
Thursday	Volleyball	All	Sports hall	
Friday	Silent reading	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Friday	Football	All	MUGA	

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Science club	7	316	Mrs Edwards
Monday	Football	KS3	3G	
Monday	Cadets	All	Containers on field	Mr Gordon
Monday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Wednesday	Newspaper Club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Wednesday	Netball	7 & 8	MUGA	
Wednesday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	Basketball	All	Sports hall	
Thursday	Sports Fixtures	All	TBC	
Thursday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	School Choir	All	Music Room	Miss McHale
Friday	Badminton	All	Sports hall	

Year 8

Lunchtime Clubs

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Football	All	MUGA	
Tuesday	Dance	8	Studio	Miss Joynson
Tuesday	Book club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Tuesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Tuesday	School Band	All	Music room	Miss McHale
Wednesday	Guitar Club	All	Music room	Break time
Wednesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Wednesday	Maths	KS3	502	Miss Price
Wednesday	Art	KS3	112	Week 1 only
Wednesday	Chess Club	All	315	Mrs Hughes
Thursday	Choreography club	KS3	Studio	Mrs Joynson
Thursday	Football	All	MUGA	
Thursday	Volleyball	All	Sports hall	
Friday	Silent reading	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Friday	Football	All	MUGA	

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Football	KS3	3G	
Monday	Cadets	All	Containers on field	Mr Gordon
Monday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Wednesday	Drama club	8, 9, 10, 11	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Wednesday	Newspaper Club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Wednesday	Netball	7 & 8	MUGA	
Wednesday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	Basketball	All	Sports hall	
Thursday	Sports Fixtures	All	TBC	
Thursday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	School Choir	All	Music Room	Miss McHale
Friday	Badminton	All	Sports hall	

Year 9

Lunchtime Clubs

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Football	All	MUGA	
Tuesday	Book club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Tuesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Tuesday	School Band	All	Music room	Miss McHale
Wednesday	Guitar Club	All	Music room	Break time
Wednesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Wednesday	Maths	KS3	502	Miss Price
Wednesday	Art	KS3	112	Week 1 only
Wednesday	Chess Club	All	315	Mrs Hughes
Thursday	Choreography club	KS3	Studio	Miss Joynson
Thursday	Football	All	MUGA	
Thursday	Volleyball	All	Sports hall	
Friday	Silent reading	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Friday	Football	All	MUGA	

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Football	KS3	3G	
Monday	Cadets	All	Containers on field	Mr Gordon
Monday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh Drop in	Participants	315	Mrs Hughes
Wednesday	Drama club	8, 9, 10, 11	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Wednesday	Newspaper Club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Wednesday	Duke of Edinburgh Training	All participants	315	Mrs Hughes / Mr Gordon
Wednesday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	Dance club	9	Main hall	Miss Joynson
Thursday	Basketball	All	Sports hall	
Thursday	Sports Fixtures	All	TBC	
Thursday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	School Choir	All	Music Room	Miss McHale
Friday	Badminton	All	Sports hall	

Extra Curricular Activities—KS4

Year 10

Lunchtime Clubs

After School Clubs

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Football	All	MUGA	
Monday	Maths	KS4	506	Mr Pedder
Tuesday	Book club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Tuesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Tuesday	School Band	All	Music room	Miss McHale
Wednesday	Chess Club	All	315	Mrs Hughes
Wednesday	Guitar Club	All	Music room	Break time
Wednesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Thursday	Football	All	MUGA	
Thursday	Volleyball	All	Sports hall	
Friday	Silent reading	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Friday	Football	All	MUGA	

Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Monday	Cadets	All	Containers on field	Mr Gordon
Monday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Tuesday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh Drop in	9, 10, 11	315	Mrs Hughes
Wednesday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Wednesday	Drama club	8, 9, 10, 11	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Wednesday	Art Graphics Product Design	KS4	112	
Wednesday	Newspaper Club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Wednesday	Duke of Edinburgh Training	All participants	315	Mrs Hughes / Mr Gordon
Wednesday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Thursday	Basketball	All	Sports hall	
Thursday	Sports Fixtures	All	TBC	
Thursday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	School Choir	All	Music Room	Miss McHale
Friday	Badminton	All	Sports hall	

Year 11

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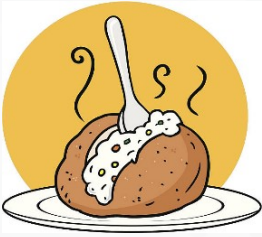
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Get Involved!

We encourage all our students to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity to help them make the most of their time in school. Extra-curricular activities provide spaces for students to socialise, to make new friends and to try something new.

Menu

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2- Week Commencing 05/05/2026					
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?

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Equipment available to buy everyday!

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



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ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

**"FAIL? NAH,
THAT'S JUST 'FIRST
ATTEMPT IN
LEARNING'.
NOW GO
SMASH IT."**