



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

We have been so proud of Year 10 who should be congratulated on their efforts during this week of work experience. It has been a pleasure to receive so much positive feedback from employers and to hear how successful Year 10 have been in the varied places of employment attended throughout the week.

It was a pleasure to welcome Peter Gaskin in to talk to students about Humanism in RS along with professional freestyler Jamie Knight who worked with KS3 students in PE.

Year 11 students have completed their practical exams in Art and Technology, producing some outstanding work as they now move to the bulk of their examinations.

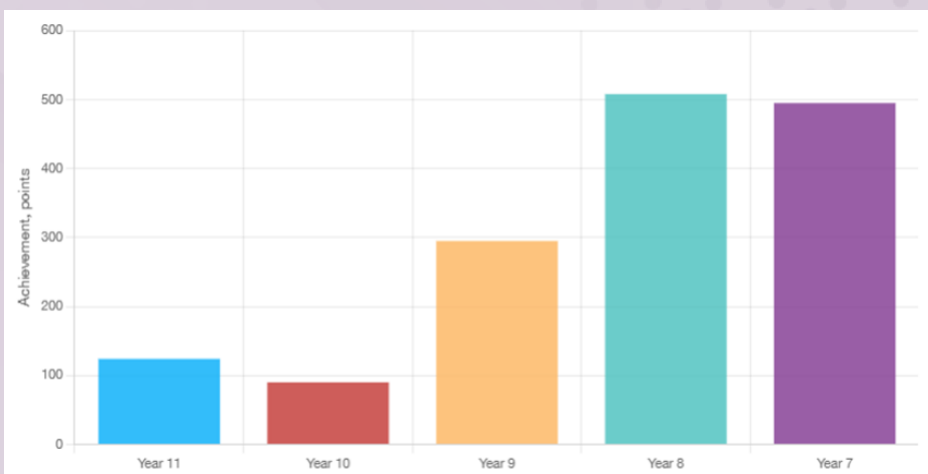
Our congratulations also go to Mrs Sandland Jones, Head of Humanities, who successfully completed the London Marathon on Sunday, raising almost £1000 for Mind. Thank you to all members of the school community who have sponsored her to raise money for such a great cause.

We wish you all a restful bank holiday and look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday.

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.



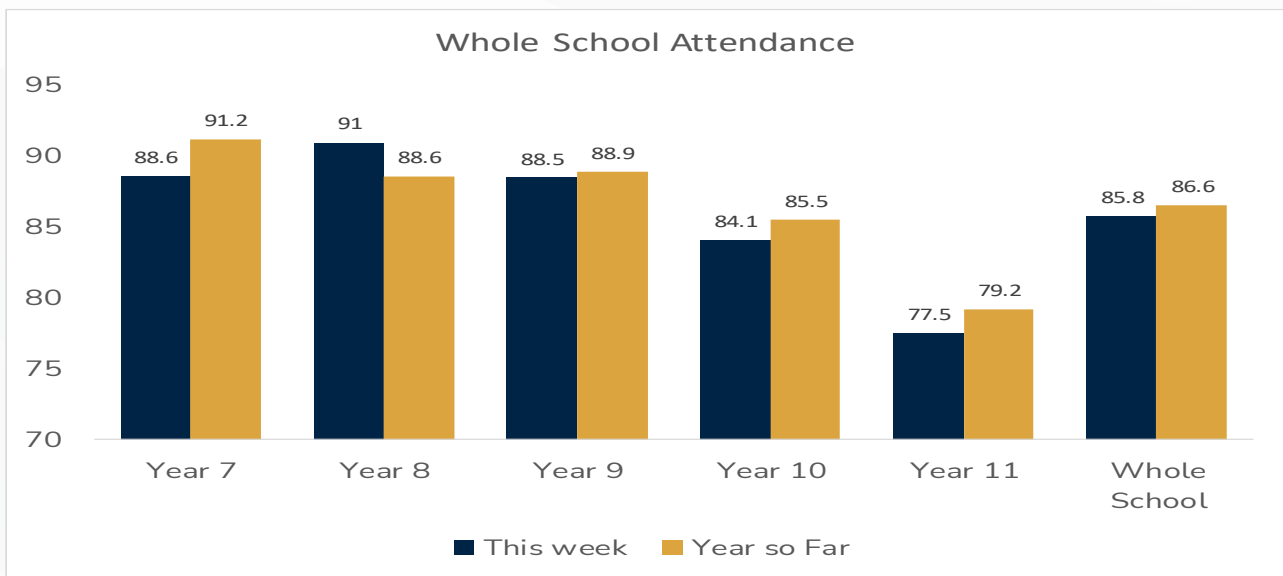
Year	Total Points
7	495
8	508
9	295
10	90
11	124

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.



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 10 Work Experience

103 of our Year 10 students have been out on work experience placements, providing them with a valuable opportunity to develop employability skills, build confidence, and gain insight into potential career pathways. These placements have spanned a wide range of businesses, including Chester Zoo, Bank of America, local primary schools, sports coaching, engineering, electrical, painting and decorating, retail, and creative sectors, allowing students to experience different working environments and expectations.

The feedback we have received from employers has been really positive, with many praising our students for their behaviour, enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

"Their behaviours and positivity are impeccable and a couple of the mentors/engineers have said that [they're] the best students we have over the last 3 years (Yr 10s and Yr12s)" (NHS Property Services)

"Really Impressed - Better than [our] own apprentice. Owner has said "he wished he was in Year 11 so he could give him a job permanently" (JS Motors)

"Can't speak more highly of him. Being very enthusiastic" (The Bren Project)

"Really happy with her, she's done everything she's been asked to. On time, enthusiastic. Great!" (Pictura Studios)

We would like to thank the many employers in our local community for their support this week. For many of our students, Year 10 work experience week is an incredibly valuable experience that they value for years to come. Experiences like these not only improve students' personal development but also help them make more informed decisions about their futures, demonstrating the clear value of work experience as a key part of their education.

A big thank you must also go to our amazing Careers Team, Ms Thomas and Mr Hughes, for their hard work in helping students to secure their placements and ensuring that this week has gone as smoothly as possible.

Parent Carer Forum - April 2026

The Parent Carer Forum release a monthly newsletter that is aimed at local families who would like to get involved with upcoming events, local news, webinars, practical resources, and more. To read this month's edition, please follow this link: [PCF Newsletter | April](#)



NEWSLETTER

April 2026

Sports Report—April 2026

The summer curriculum is now fully underway, with students already excelling in High Jump, Javelin and Discus lessons. Our Rounder's and Cricket clubs have also begun, with fixtures scheduled over the coming weeks!

Rounder's

Another fantastic evening of rounder's for our Year 7 and 8 girls against Blacon High School teams, with impressive wins against The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School. The girls showed excellent fielding and confident batting throughout.

It has been a brilliant start to the season, with further strong performances and wins against Abbey Gate College. The standard of play in both fielding and batting has been consistently high.



Sports Report - April 2026

Key Stage 3 PE Boys and Girls Reward Event

A fantastic afternoon for our KS3 footballers, who took part in an inspiring session with professional freestyler Jamie Knight, organised by the Chester School Sport Partnership.

Jamie delivered a powerful message around growth mind-set, resilience, perseverance and the power of practice. Students were engaged throughout - not only by his story, but by his incredible skills and tricks with the ball.



They worked in pairs to develop new techniques and had the opportunity to showcase their skills in front of him. Even Mr Cairns got involved, attempting press-up claps with a football balanced on his back!

A huge thank you to Jamie for inspiring our students.

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Are you in a difficult relationship?

Are you a new mum?

Are you new to the UK?

Are you worried about your visa?

Would you like to learn new skills?

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10am - 12pm

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Flintshire, CH5 1SA

WOMEN ONLY GROUP - ANY AGE WELCOME

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Dr Salisbury's 'Chester Made' Article

We are delighted to share with you our very own Dr Salisbury's recent article, published by the University of Chester.

Dr Salisbury is a Visiting Lecturer at Chester University, where she completed her Doctorate of Education, and is heavily involved in research opportunities and projects through their network and her own contacts, including with international collaborators.

In her article, 'Julie's Chester Made Story', Dr Salisbury discusses how her research and work seeks to create opportunities and positive impacts on our young people through access to the creative arts and practices in education.



To read Dr Salisbury's article,
please click the link here:

[Article | UoC](#)



University of
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Dates for the Diary 2026



Monday 4th May - School Closed for Bank Holiday



Thursday 7th May - Performing Arts Rewards Evening 5-7pm



Monday 11th May - GCSE Exams begin



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

Motivational Quote of the Week

"I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow."

Maya Angelou



Maya Angelou was an American memoirist, essayist, poet, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years.

Maya Angelou was a Professor of American Studies, and campaigned for greater African American Civil Rights with Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X.

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



Maths and Business Department - April Update

As we move further into the summer term, our focus across the school is firmly on supporting Year 11 as they prepare for their upcoming GCSE examinations. Classrooms are busy with targeted revision, practice exam questions and focused intervention sessions, all designed to build confidence and ensure students are as prepared as possible. It has been great to see the level of effort and determination from students during this important period.

In Year 10 Business Studies, students are also approaching a key milestone, with their first piece of coursework nearing completion. This component makes up a significant proportion of their final grade and forms the foundation for their next assignment. Students have been working hard to develop their ideas, apply their knowledge and produce work they can be proud of.

We look forward to celebrating their efforts and achievements in the weeks ahead.

Chester Humanists visit Year 8 Religious Studies

On Thursday this week Peter Gaskin from the Chester Humanists came in to school to speak to students in Year 8 Religious Studies about Humanism. The students have been studying this topic and were able to share their knowledge and ask Peter their questions.



Peter explained the different humanist views and got the students to grapple with some philosophical problems when they discussed the trolley problem and they put forward some excellent ideas showing real thinking. They also looked at optical illusions, which helped them to understand that different people have different views of the world. It was a really interesting session and we look forward to Peter coming in again in the future.

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!

Job of the week

The job of the week this week is a **Railway Signaller**

Railway signallers play a vital role in keeping trains running safely on time. Their main job is to control the movement of trains by operating signals and track points, either from a traditional signal box or a modern control centre.



[Job of the Week - Youtube](#)

They make sure trains are spaced out correctly, respond to emergencies, and communicate with drivers and other staff to keep everything running smoothly. It's a job that requires full concentration, as even a small mistake can cause delays or accidents. To become a railway signaller, you don't usually need specific qualifications, but employers often look for good GCSEs, especially in English and maths. New signallers are trained on the job by Network Rail, which includes both classroom learning and practical experience. Applicants must pass tests for concentration, communication, and problem solving.

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

Lunchtime Clubs

After School Clubs



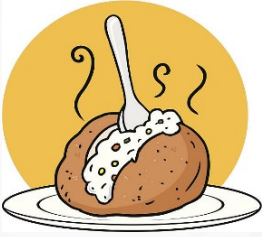
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Get Involved!

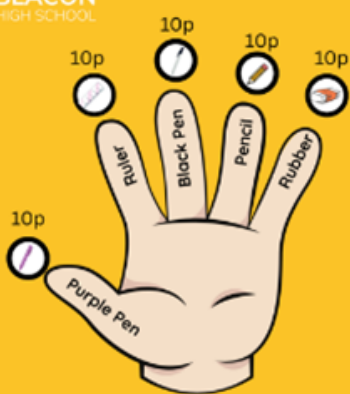
We encourage all our students to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity to help them make the most of their time in school. Extra-curricular activities provide spaces for students to socialise, to make new friends and to try something new.

Menu

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Commencing 05/05/2026					
Hot Serve// Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p		Sweet Chilli chicken Wrap Or Veggie Chilli Wrap	Noodles Curry Sauce and Prawn Crackers	Roast Chicken Dinner	Chicken 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</p>  <p>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

"BE THE PERSON WHO MAKES SOMEONE'S DAY A LITTLE BRIGHTER."