



# 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

This week, Year 9 have enjoyed visiting Chester racecourse on a Maths visit this week and it has been a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of our Year 11 Performing Arts students at our annual awards ceremony last night. There were no dry eyes in the house when we heard speeches from each student, explaining the difference that Performing Arts has made to them as individuals and to their confidence. My thanks to Dr Salisbury for all of her amazing work in this key area of school.

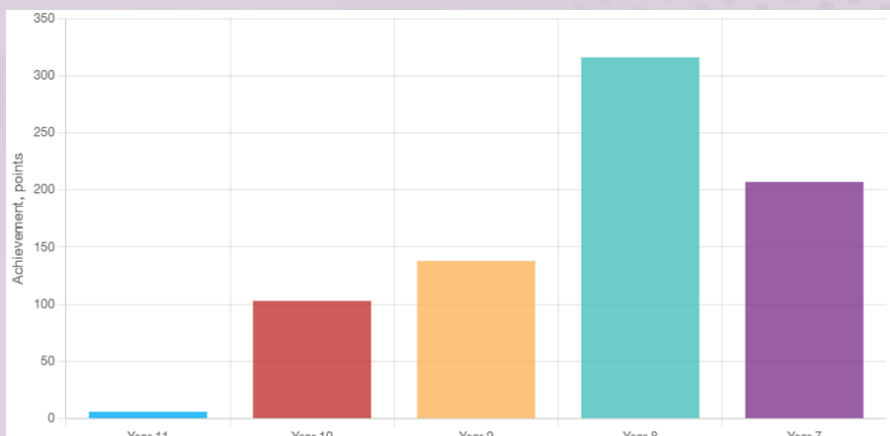
Today, it was a pleasure to welcome in Geoff Baker from the DfE along with Simon Corner from the Wade Deacon Trust along with Debbie Edwards from Cheshire West and Chester and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Judy Gilmour. All of the visitors were highly complementary about the calm and purposeful atmosphere within school and the quality of relationships.

I wish you all a restful weekend and we wish Year 11 all the best as they revise for their English Literature exam 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** for achieving the highest number of points.



Year	Total Points
7	207
8	316
9	138
10	103
11	6

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

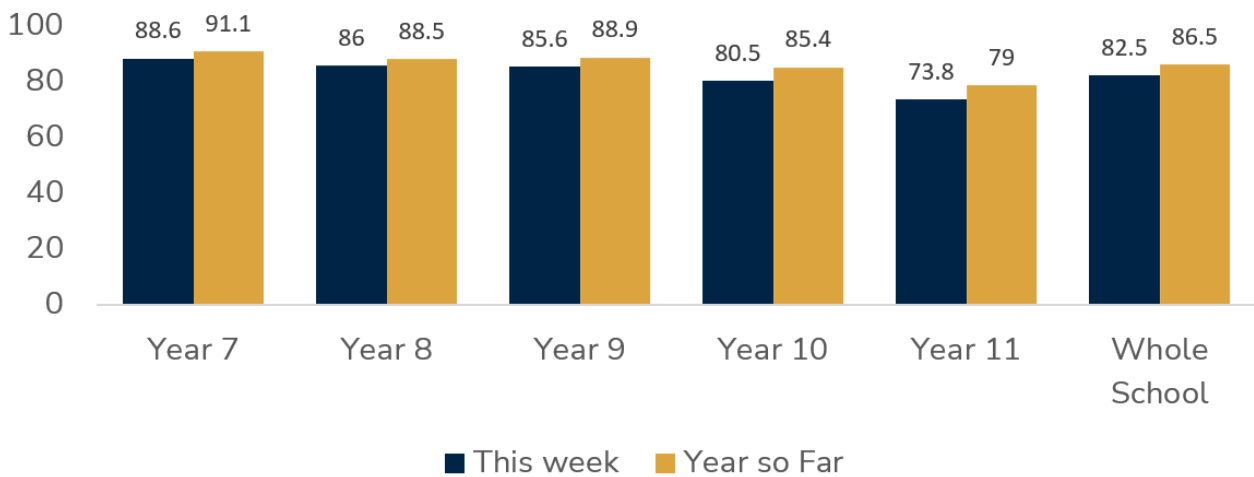
The attendance for the whole school so far is 88.5% with attendance for this week being at 82.5%

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



## From Parade Rings to Podiums

It was another action-packed day at the historic Chester Racecourse for our Year 9 pupils, accompanied by Mr. Pedder and Mr. Hughes. Far from just a day at the tracks, the trip offered a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at the science, math, and discipline behind professional horse racing.

### Inside the Inner Sanctum

On arrival, we were shown to a private box which served as our headquarters for the day. The students quickly got to work with an exclusive tour of the racecourse facilities, starting with the weighing room. Here, the pupils explored the "maths of the athlete," looking at how jockeys manage their diet and exercise to hit precise weight targets.



The group even had the incredible opportunity to meet Champion Jockey Franny Norton! We also visited the changing rooms to see the valets in action, meticulously preparing the silks and equipment for the afternoon's races.

### Maths in the Parade Ring

The learning moved outdoors as we headed to the parade ring to discuss equine safety. Students put their classroom skills to the test using trundle wheels to measure the ring's perimeter and area, calculating exactly how many horses could safely circulate at once.

### Broadening Horizons: Careers in Racing

One of the most valuable aspects of the day was the focus on future pathways. The students were introduced to the vast array of career opportunities within the racing industry that go far beyond being a jockey. From equine veterinary science and grounds management to hospitality, sports marketing, and data analysis, the experience truly opened their eyes to the diverse professional worlds that keep a major venue like Chester running.

## From Parade Rings to Podiums

### A Part of Chester's History

After a short break, the students took a walk into the heart of the city to participate in the Chester Cup Parade. It was a proud moment for the school to be part of such a long-standing local tradition as we marched back to the racecourse alongside the procession.



### Trackside Action and Virtual Reality

The afternoon brought the roar of the crowd and the thundering of hooves. The students were fully immersed in the race day experience:

**Deciphering the Racecard:** In between events, pupils were taught how to study the racecard, learning to decode the abbreviations and "form" of each horse.

**Front-Row Thrills:** With front-row seats for three live races, the students cheered on their favourites after observing them up close in the parade ring.

**The Jockey's Perspective:** For a final adrenaline rush, everyone had the chance to experience the speed of a race first-hand using VR headsets, simulating

It was an unforgettable day that perfectly blended local culture with practical applications of PE, Mathematics, and Career Studies. A huge thank you to Mr. Pedder for organising such an enriching experience!

## 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

### Dates for the Diary 2026



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - GCSE Exams begin



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Break up for Half Term at 3.10pm

## Staying Hydrated

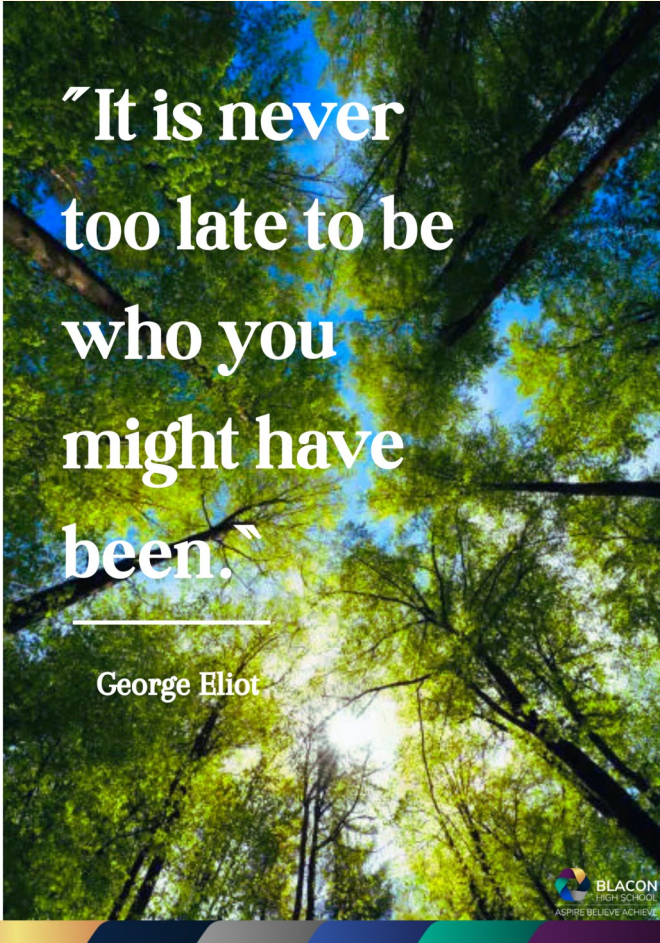
As the weather gets warmer, it's important that we all stay hydrated.

Dehydration can make you feel tired, cause headaches and mood changes, and impact your concentration.

Make sure to bring in your water bottle everyday. Water fountains are available on every floor for refills!



## Motivational Quote of the Week



“It is never  
too late to be  
who you  
might have  
been.”

George Eliot

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ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Mary Ann Evans, known by her pen name George Eliot, was an English novelist, poet, translator, and one of the leading writers of the Victorian era. She wrote seven novels in her life, and was admired for her writing by many in high society, including Queen Victoria herself.

Evans was an early supporter of women’s suffrage, and her writings were often framed through political theory and philosophy.

## 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](mailto:admin@blaconhigh.cheshire.sch.uk)

## 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 **Robotics Technician**

Robotics technicians help build, maintain, and repair robots and automated systems used in industries like manufacturing, healthcare, and engineering. Their job is to make sure robots are working properly by testing equipment, fixing faults, and sometimes installing new machines. They often work alongside engineers and programmers using tools and computers to improve how the robots perform. To get started in this career, most study a college course or apprenticeship in areas like robotics, electronics, mechanical engineering or mechatronics. Some may go on to study for a foundation degree. Employers usually look for strong maths, science, and IT skills along with good problem solving abilities. Having an interest in how machines work, enjoying practical tasks, and being a careful, focused worker are all important for this career.



[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 - 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



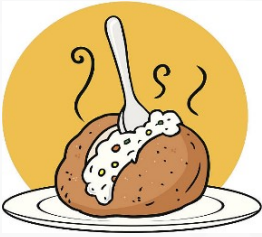
Day	Club	Years	Location	Staff member
Monday	Football	All	MUGA	
Monday	Maths	KS4	506	Mr Pedder
Tuesday	Book club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Tuesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Tuesday	School Band	All	Music room	Miss McHale
Wednesday	Chess Club	All	315	Mrs Hughes
Wednesday	Guitar Club	All	Music room	Break time
Wednesday	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	Participants	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	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
Thursday	Performing arts coursework club	KS4	Studio	Dr Salisbury
Thursday	Basketball	All	Sports hall	
Thursday	School Choir	All	Music Room	Miss McHale
Thursday	Sports Fixtures	All	TBC	
Thursday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
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## Get Involved!

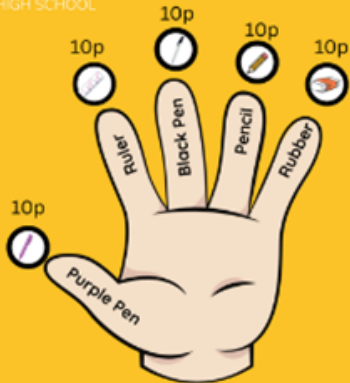
We encourage all our students to take part in at least one extra-curricular activity to help them make the most of their time in school. Extra-curricular activities provide spaces for students to socialise, to make new friends and to try something new.

# Menu

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week Commencing 05/05/2026</b>					
Hot Serve// Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p					
Panini Bar Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p			<b>Panini</b> Cake and Biscuits Drinks		
Cold side Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p			<b>Pasta</b> Salad bar Sandwiches with choice of fillings Cake/ Biscuits/ Fruit		
POD Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p			<b>Jacket potato with a choice of</b> Cheese Beans Tuna Included is a side salad Cake/Biscuits or Fruit		



**'FIVE A DAY'**  
Are you prepared for learning?



Equipment available to buy everyday!

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



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ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

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