



Blacon's Blog

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

ISSUE 31 - Friday 15th 2026

BLACON
HIGH SCHOOL

Headlines - Message from the Head

This week has been a particularly significant one for our school community. We welcomed Ofsted inspectors on Tuesday and Wednesday, and I am delighted to share how exceptionally well our students represented the school. Their behaviour was impeccable throughout, and they truly did us proud. We look forward to sharing the full report with parents when it is published in June. I am sure you will also enjoy reading about and seeing photos from last week's wonderful Year 11 Performing Arts awards evening, which celebrated the talent and dedication of our students. Year 11 have continued to impress with their hard work and resilience during a demanding week of exams, not least when an unexpected visit from two birds in the sports hall required a swift relocation of one of the exams this morning!

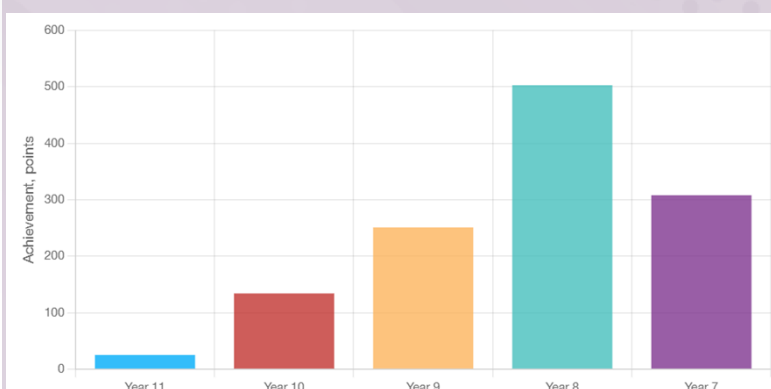
My sincere thanks go to our fantastic staff for their teamwork and flexibility in ensuring everything ran smoothly, and to our students for their continued effort and positivity. To mark the end of such a successful week, we were delighted to treat students to lollies and ice creams at the end of the day, as a small token of our appreciation - well done to everyone.

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 31:



Year	Total Points
7	308
8	503
9	251
10	134
11	25

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

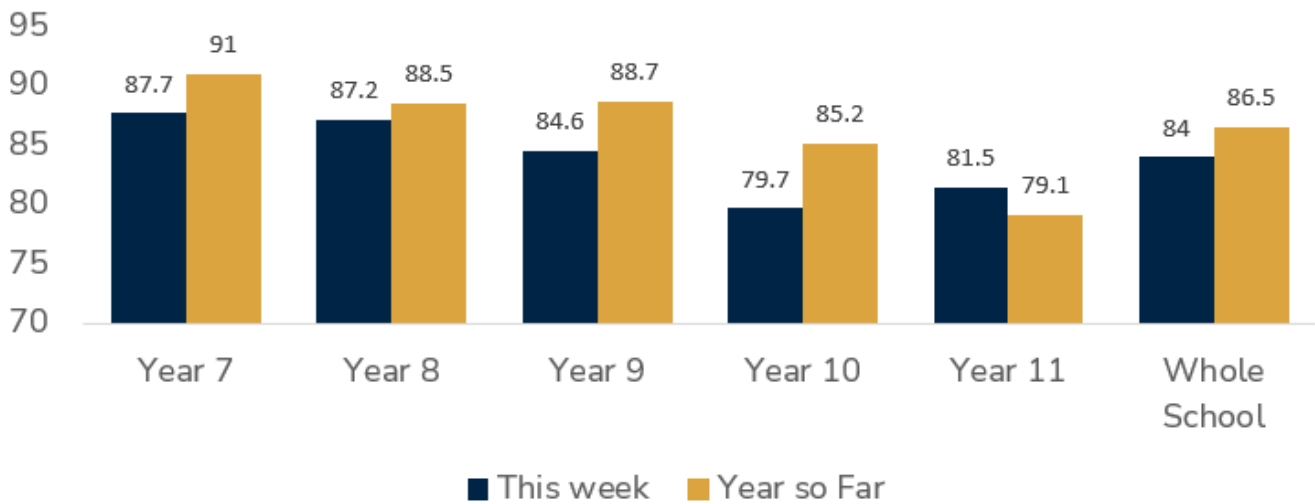
The attendance for the whole school so far is 86.5% with attendance for this week being at 84%

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



Chester Schools Together - Storyhouse Careers Day

We would like to thank the Storyhouse for hosting some of our Year 8 students for a Careers Day in partnership with Chester School together. Students took part in a behind-the-scenes tour of the venue, met members of the HR and finance teams and spoke with a lighting technician, gaining insight into a range of roles within the organisation.

As part of the day, students were given a brief to design their own Storyhouse event. They worked in groups to develop their ideas before presenting them to department leaders.

It was a inspiring experience that helped students learn more about careers in the creative industry.



Wellbeing Hub - Supporting Exam Anxiety

Our Year 11's are all well underway with their Summer exam timetables, and to support them we would like to share the following resources from the Wellbeing Hub: <https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/setting-yourself-up-for-exam-success/>

— The —
**Wellbeing
Hub**
— from Teen Tips —



Dates for the Diary 2026



Monday 11th May - GCSE Exams begin



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



Thursday 5th June - Little Bluebird RSE Year 9 Workshop



Monday 8th June - Year 10 Mock Exams commence for 2 weeks



Monday 22nd June - Year 5 WOW Week

Year 11 Performing Arts Rewards Evening

Dr Salisbury presented the annual Awards Evening on Thursday, celebrating the outstanding talents of our Year 11 Performing Arts students.



Family and friends joined our students for an evening of fun, laughter and applause. Guests enjoyed a fabulous buffet, prepared by the wonderful Blacon High catering team.

Every student received an individual award for the contribution to the Performing Arts Department.

Year 11 Performing Arts Rewards Evening

On receipt of their awards, students gave heart-warming and, at times, emotional speeches thanking those who have supported them in the Performing Arts journey, sharing funny stories of their time in the



Drama Studio, celebrating friendships and describing the memories they have made that they will carry with them.

Professional Poet, Alison Down, addressed the audience with a reading of a poem that the students had written together with her during the Rhyme and Reason research project with Dr Salisbury and Curious Minds, describing the joy she experienced in working in the Performing Arts Department supporting our students in sharing their voices through poetry and Drama. The Adam Sanders Award for outstanding commitment to the Performing Arts was presented to Ray Atherley. Dr Salisbury would like to thank the students, families, Governors and staff who supported the event.



May Half Term Revision Support

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Crisis Resilience Fund - May Half Term Free School Meals

We would like to remind families that the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) is still open for applications for May half term holiday payments.

Families eligible for Free School Meals

If you are receiving means-tested Free School Meals (FSM) and need help with essential costs during the holidays, you can apply online until Sunday, 31 May 2026:

[School Holiday Support Payment | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

If you have already applied and been awarded the fund before the Easter break, you will have already received your May half term payments. Please note school holiday payments are no longer made automatically to families who are receiving Free School Meals, so you will need to apply if you need support.

Applications for the summer holidays are expected to reopen in June. More information will be shared soon.

The Crisis and Resilience Fund replaced the Household Support Fund in April 2026. It ensures that financial support for families who need it. The fund also gives longer term support to boost income and manage debt so that people feel more confident and secure when unexpected money problems arise.

Not just school holidays

As well as the school holiday support payments, there are a number of other costs that the Crisis and Resilience Fund can help with. Visit the Crisis and Resilience Fund webpage for more information about support with:

- [Crisis payments](#)
- [Help in Emergencies for Local People \(HELP\)](#)
- [Housing Payments and Discretionary Hardship Payments](#)
- [Heating oil support](#)

[Crisis and Resilience Fund | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

Other support

There is also information and support available on the Council's cost of living webpages, which bring together resources about financial help, advice services, and emergency assistance:

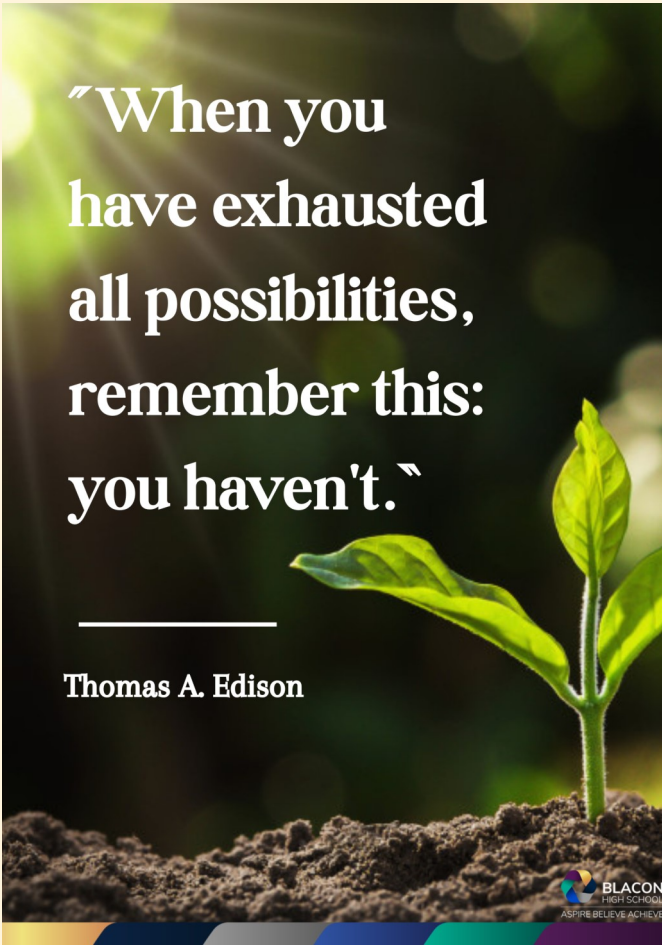
<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-welfare-help/cost-of-living>

For any queries, contact HouseholdSupport@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Motivational Quote of the Week

**“When you
have exhausted
all possibilities,
remember this:
you haven’t.”**

Thomas A. Edison



Thomas A Edison was an American inventor and businessman. Edison revolutionised the modern world through his work with electronic devises and component, leading with key innovations in electric power, sound recording, and motion pictures. Holding 1,093 U.S. patents, he is best known for developing the first practical incandescent light bulb, the phonograph, and the motion picture camera

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

Job of the week

The job of the week this week is a **Robotics Technician**

This week's job of the week is a clinical coder. Clinical coders work behind the scenes in hospitals and healthcare settings, turning doctor's notes, and medical records into standard codes. These codes are used to record what illnesses or treatments a patient had, which helps with hospital funding, planning services, and medical research. Clinical coders don't treat patients, but their work is very important for keeping accurate records and helping the NHS to run smoothly. To become a clinical coder, you don't always need a degree, but you usually need good GCEs, especially in English, maths, and science. A levels and other related vocational courses, can all lead to a clinical coding role. Occasionally, clinical coding apprenticeships are also available within the NHS.



[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 - Key Stage 3

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 - Key Stage 4

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



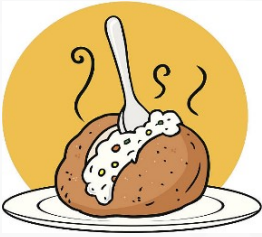
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Monday	Football	All	MUGA	
Monday	Maths	KS4	506	Mr Pedder
Tuesday	Book club	All	Library	Miss Redmond
Tuesday	Football	All	MUGA	
Tuesday	School Band	All	Music room	Miss McHale
Wednesday	Chess Club	All	315	Mrs Hughes
Wednesday	Guitar Club	All	Music room	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	


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Monday	Cadets	All	Containers on field	Mr Gordon
Monday	Home learning club	All	202	Mrs Lewis
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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
Friday	Badminton	All	Sports hall	

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.

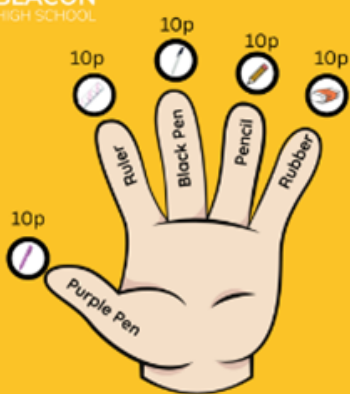
Menu

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Commencing 18/05/2026					
Hot Serve// Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	Cheesesteak Subs	Noodles, Curry Sauce and Veg	Chilli and Rice and Garlic Bread	Pepperoni Pasta	Burger and Wedges
Panini Bar Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	 <p style="text-align: center;">Panini Cake and Biscuits Drinks</p>				
Cold side Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p	<p style="text-align: center;">Pasta Salad bar Sandwiches with choice of fillings Cake/ Biscuits/ Fruit</p>				
POD Main: (£2.40) Drink: 80p Cake: 80p		<p style="text-align: center;">Jacket potato with a choice of Cheese Beans Tuna Included is a side salad Cake/Biscuits or Fruit</p>			



'FIVE A DAY'
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Equipment available to buy everyday!

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



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DON'T FOLLOW THE CROWD,
LEAD WITH KINDNESS.
STAND UP FOR
WHAT'S
RIGHT, EVEN IF
YOU'RE STANDING
ALONE."

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