

Headlines - Message from the Head

As we reach the end of another wonderful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate what has been an exceptional week and to thank our students, staff and families for their continued support. Sports Day was a fantastic occasion, filled with determination, teamwork and plenty of school spirit, while our whole-school walk demonstrated the sense of community that makes our school such a special place. Tuesday's trips provided students with memorable experiences beyond the classroom, and throughout the week we have seen our students represent the school with pride, whether through educational visits, sporting success, cultural opportunities or their daily commitment to learning. Looking back across the year, we have so much to be proud of: outstanding achievements in sport, enrichment activities, leadership opportunities, academic progress and the resilience and personal growth shown by our students every day.

As we begin the summer break, I encourage all families to take advantage of the fantastic activities and support available within the local community, details of which are included in this week's blog. We are also sharing important information about water safety, particularly during the hot weather, and would ask all parents and carers to take time to discuss safe behaviours around water with their children. Please remind young people never to swim in unsupervised open water and to follow the RNLI's water safety guidance. Finally, thank you for your partnership and support throughout this year. It has been a privilege to see our students flourish, and I wish every member of our school community a safe, happy and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another successful year ahead.

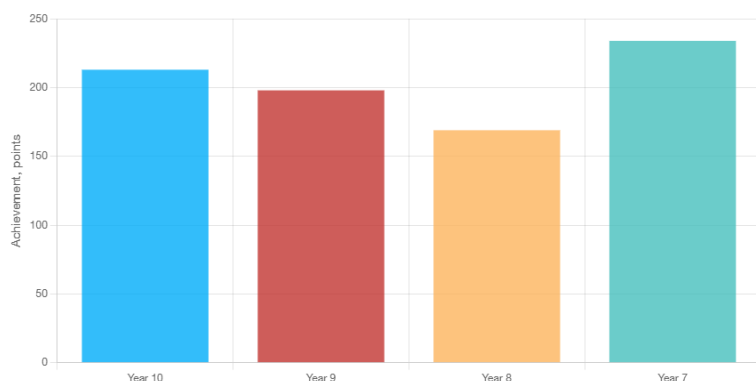
Rachel Hudson, Headteacher

Rewards for this Week

Congratulations to all students for their hard work this week.

Congratulations to **Year 7** for achieving the highest number of points.

Achievement Points Week 39:



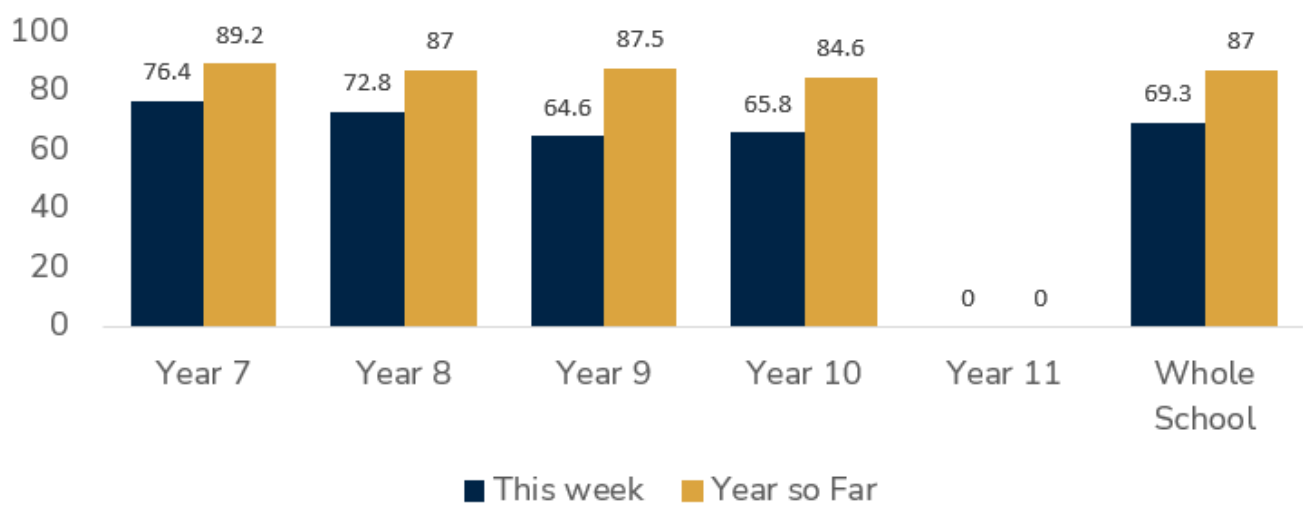
Year	Total Points
7	234
8	169
9	198
10	213

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

The attendance for the whole school this year is 87% with attendance for this week being at 69.3%.

Days off cost grades and affect next steps so please work with us to ensure your child attends.

Whole School Attendance





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10/10 FOR £10

FORTNIGHTLY ATTENDANCE REWARD



Attend every day for 10 school days (one full fortnight) and you'll be entered into a prize draw to win a **£10 Love2Shop voucher!**



HOW IT WORKS

- Achieve 100% attendance for a fortnight (10 school days)
- Be entered into the prize draw
- One winner drawn every fortnight
- The challenge then resets and starts again!



RESETS EVERY FORTNIGHT!

EVERY STUDENT GETS A FRESH CHANCE EVERY TWO WEEKS.

★ Miss one fortnight? No problem! The competition resets every fortnight, giving you another chance to earn your place in the draw.



ONGOING

THROUGHOUT THIS HALF TERM

★ Every day counts. Every fortnight is a fresh start. ★

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NEW FORTNIGHT



NEW DRAW



NEW CHANCE TO WIN



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ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS



MINUTES LATE PER DAY DAYS MISSED

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	DAYS MISSED PER YEAR
5 MINUTES LATE	3.5 DAYS MISSED
10 MINUTES LATE	7 DAYS MISSED
15 MINUTES LATE	10 DAYS MISSED
20 MINUTES LATE	14 DAYS MISSED
25 MINUTES LATE	OVER 20 DAYS MISSED



DAYS MISSED EXPECTED GRADES

DAYS MISSED	EXPECTED GRADES
0 – 9 DAYS MISSED	EXPECTED GRADES
10 – 17 DAYS MISSED	1 GRADE BELOW
19 – 28 DAYS MISSED	1.5 GRADES BELOW
28 – 95 DAYS MISSED	2 GRADES BELOW
MORE THAN 95 DAYS MISSED	4 GRADES BELOW EXPECTED



BE ON TIME. BE IN SCHOOL. BE YOUR BEST.



ASPIRE



BELIEVE



ACHIEVE

A Year to Aspire, Believe and Achieve

*At Blacon this year we've reached new heights,
With hard work, determination and shining lights.
An Ofsted success that made us all proud,
Celebrating together, standing strong as a crowd.*

*From visits and trips that broadened our view,
To enrichment opportunities and challenges too.
Across the world at the International Youth Games we shone,
Showing resilience and spirit wherever we've gone.*

*On the stage with Matilda, our talents took flight,
Bringing creativity, teamwork and joy each night.
In sport and in leadership, students led the way,
As ambassadors for our school, every single day.*

*Awards recognised the difference we make.
Young Carers Bronze and sustainability for our planet's sake.
With support from our community and relationships strong,
We've shown what can happen when everyone belongs.*

*Through respect and resilience, we've overcome and achieved,
Living our values and all we've believed.
So here's to our students, our staff and our school,
A community united by a simple golden rule:*

Aspire, Believe, Achieve - let this always be true,
For the future is bright at Blacon, because of all of you.

Wishing you all the best for the summer.

Mrs Hudson

Sports Report – June and July

It has been another fantastic half-term for the PE Department, with students representing the school with pride across a range of sports. From district championships to leadership opportunities and international competition, our students have demonstrated outstanding teamwork, resilience and sporting excellence.

International Youth Games – Lörrach, Germany

Eight students from Years 8 and 9 – Aneesa, Phoebe, Sam, Charlie, George, Noah, Gabrielle and Lily – travelled with Mr Forbes and Mrs Wright to Lörrach, Germany, for the International Youth Games over the weekend of 10th–13th July 2026. They proudly represented Chester at the event, which brought together young people from England, France, Germany and Italy to celebrate friendship, culture and sport.

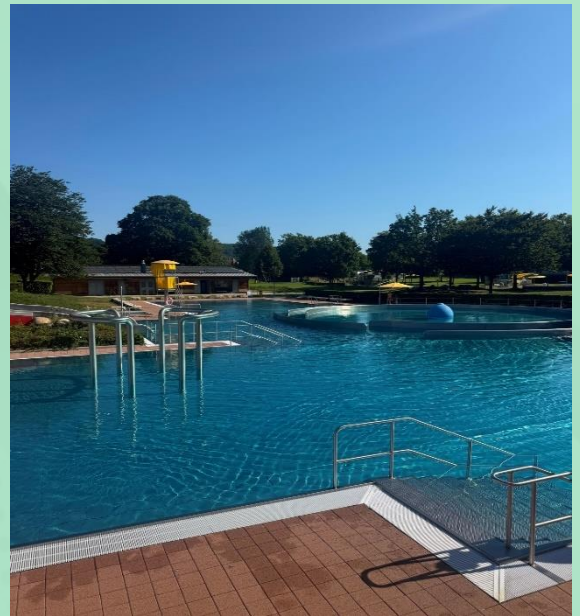


Throughout the weekend, students took part in a wide range of exciting activities. They visited the historic Rötteln Castle, where they enjoyed castle tours and tried archery in mixed international teams. They also experienced disc golf, explored Lörrach city centre, and took part in fun evening games before presenting Chester to the other visiting countries during a cultural showcase.



Sports Report – June and July

The sporting programme included water games and volleyball at the local swimming complex, team challenges and an exciting high ropes course, all designed to encourage teamwork, communication and new friendships with students from across Europe. The trip concluded with a farewell dinner and awards ceremony celebrating the success of the games.



The students embraced every opportunity, showing enthusiasm, resilience and respect throughout the visit. They were outstanding ambassadors for both the school and the city of Chester, representing us brilliantly not only during the activities but also throughout the journey, including at the airports and while travelling. Their behaviour, teamwork and willingness to engage with students from other countries were exemplary.



The trip was an unforgettable cultural experience, allowing students to build international friendships, develop confidence and create lifelong memories. Every student was a real credit to the school, and they returned with experiences that will stay with them for years to come. We are incredibly proud of them all.

Sports Report – June and July

Year 7 & Year 8 Rounders Chester and District Champions

Congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 8 girls' rounders teams, who were both crowned Chester & District Champions. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the hard work, teamwork and determination shown throughout the season. We are incredibly proud of both squads.



Year 9 Rounders

Our Year 9 girls' rounders team competed brilliantly at the Chester & District competition, finishing 4th overall. The team represented the school superbly and should be proud of their efforts against strong opposition.

Rounders Friendly Success

The Year 7 and Year 8 girls' rounders teams continued their excellent form with friendly victories over Catholic High School. Well done to everyone involved, with Beverley and Olive (Year 8) and Poppie (Year 7) named Players of the Match for their outstanding performances.

Year 9 Darts

Our Year 9 darts team enjoyed a competitive fixture against Neston High School. Playing six games of 501. The team narrowly lost 4–2, with the deciding match going down to the final double. Congratulations to Thomas, Jackson, Harrison, Kayden and Jacob for some excellent performances and sportsmanship throughout the evening.

Sports Report – June and July

Cricket Successes

There were impressive Crash & Bash Cricket victories for both our U13 and U15 boys' teams against Catholic High School. Excellent batting, bowling and fielding performances secured both wins, with Connor and Jackson deservedly named Players of the Match.

The U13 and U15 teams also produced excellent performances against Bishop's Blue Coat School. Although both teams narrowly missed out on victory, the U15s lost by just one run in the final over, while the U13s required 13 runs from the final over but fell just short. Liam and Jai were recognised as Players of the Match for their all-round contributions with both bat and ball.

Earlier in the season, the U13 boys were defeated by Queen's Park High School while chasing 98 runs. Despite the result, there were some excellent individual performances, with Jack striking several sixes and Liam taking important wickets.

Sports Leaders in Action

Sixteen of our Year 9 Sports Leaders played a key role in supporting Chester Bluecoat's Sports Day, delivering a carousel of activities including the Nerf throw, bean bag challenge, standing long jump and chest push.

The leaders showed fantastic organisation, communication and enthusiasm, helping to ensure the event was a great success for all participants.



Sports Report – June and July

BEV Year 5 & 6 Rounders Tournament

It was a fantastic evening hosting the BEV Year 5 & 6 Rounders Tournament. The standard of play was exceptionally high, with every team winning one game and losing one game, meaning final positions were decided by the total number of rounders scored.

Final standings:

1st J.H. Godwin

2nd Arches

3rd St Theresa's

A huge thank you to all the schools for taking part and making it such an enjoyable and competitive event.

Final Thank You

Well done to every student who has represented the school this summer. Your commitment, teamwork and positive attitude have been outstanding, and we look forward to even more sporting success next year!





YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE.

Year 6 Open Evening
Wednesday 9th September 2026



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JOIN US!

4:00 - 6:00PM

6:00 - 8:00PM

**Scan the QR code or visit
our website to register
your place**



Blacon Summer Programme 2026

All extra details and contact information is on the last page.

Week 1	Blacon Adventure Playground	Blacon Library	KGV Sports Hub	Blacon Beacon & Holy Trinity @ The Church Hall	Blacon Children Centre	Delta Centre (On Cairns Crescent)
Monday 20 th July	11-6 General play games and activities Craft Corner 11-1pm					Youth Club 6.30-8.30pm (Age 11-19years old)
Tuesday 21 st July	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm	Rhymetime 10.30-11am				Youth Club 6.30-8.30pm (Age 11-19years old)
Wednesday 22 nd July	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm	Family Lego 3.30-4.30pm				
Thursday 23 rd July	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness 11-12pm					
Friday 24 th July	11-6 General play games and activities Craft Corner 2-4pm					

Week 2	Blacon Adventure Playground	Blacon Library	KGV Sports Hub	Blacon Beacons & Holy Trinity @ The Church Hall	Blacon Children Centre	Delta Centre (On Cairns Crescent)
Monday 27 th July	11-6 General play games and activities Craft Corner 11-1pm				Stay And Play Let's Play Together 1.30-2.15pm pre-walkers 2.15-3.30pm Walkers	Youth Club 6.30-8.30pm (Age 11-19years old)
Tuesday 28 th July	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm	Rhymetime 10.30-11am Creative Writing Workshop 2.30-3.30pm (Age 8-11)				Youth Club 6.30-8.30pm (Age 11-19years old)
Wednesday 29 th July	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm Later night Chill 7pm-9pm Age 10-16	Family Lego 3.30-4.30pm				
Thursday 30 th July	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm	Children's craft event 2.30-3.30pm				
Friday 31 st July	11-6 General play games and activities Craft Corner 2-4pm			Holiday activities and meal 12pm		

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Week 3	Blacon Adventure Playground	Blacon Library	KGV Sports Hub	Blacon Beacons & Holy Trinity @ The Church Hall	Blacon Children Centre	Delta Centre (On Cairns Crescent)
Monday 3 rd August	11-6 General play games and activities	Creative Writing Workshop 2.30-3.30pm (Age 8-11)	Circus Skills work shop with James Bazley Circus 2-4pm			Youth Club 6.30-8.30pm (Age 11-19years old)
Tuesday 4 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm	Rhymetime 10.30-11am Animals Take Over 2.30-3.30pm (Suitable for 5-11year olds)				Youth Club 6.30-8.30pm (Age 11-19years old)
Wednesday 5 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm National Play Day Fun 2-4pm	Family Lego 3.30-4.30pm	Rugby League with Chester Gladiators 5-6.30pm			
Thursday 6 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm	The Jungle Jam 10-11am (suitable for 5-11year olds)				
Friday 7 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Craft corner 11-1pm		Game On! Football 5-7pm	Holiday activities and meal 12pm		

Week 4	Blacon Adventure Playground	Blacon Library	KGV Sports Hub	Blacon Beacons & Holy Trinity @ The Church Hall	Blacon Children Centre	Delta Centre (On Cairns Crescent)
Monday 10 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Craft Corner 2-4pm	Ray Douglas Storyteller and poet 11-12pm (Suitable for 5-11year olds)	Gaming Workshop with Adaptive Games 4-6pm			Youth Club 6.30-8.30pm (Age 11-19years old)
Tuesday 11 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm	Rhymetime 10.30-11am				Youth Club 6.30-8.30pm (Age 11-19years old)
Wednesday 12 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm Later night Chill 7pm-9pm Age 10-16	Family Lego 3.30-4.30pm Ashley Fayth Singer Songwriter 10-12pm (Suitable for 5-11year olds)	Rugby League with Chester Gladiators 5-6.30pm			
Thursday 13 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Rage Fitness Class 11-12pm Science Spectacular 2-4pm	Children's craft event 2.30-3.30pm	Dance workshop with Cheshire Dance 2-5pm		Stay And Play Let's Make a Splash 9.30-11am	
Friday 14 th August	11-6 General play games and activities		Game On! Football 5-7pm	Holiday activities and meal 12pm		

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Week 5	Blacon Adventure Playground	Blacon Library	KGV Sports Hub	Blacon Beacons & Holy Trinity @ The Church Hall	Blacon Children Centre	Delta Centre (On Cairns Crescent)
Monday 17 th August	11-6 General play games and activities					Youth Club 6.30-8.30pm (Age 11-19years old)
Tuesday 18 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Food Fun 2-4pm	Rhymetime 10.30-11am				Youth Club 6.30-8.30pm (Age 11-19years old)
Wednesday 19 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Later night Chill 7pm-9pm Age 10-16	Family Lego 3.30-4.30pm	Rugby League with Chester Gladiators 5-6.30pm		Stay And Play Let's Get Moving 9.30-11am	
Thursday 20 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Craft corner 11-1pm					
Friday 21 st August	11-6 General play games and activities	abDance 10.30-11.30am (Suitable for 2-5-year-olds siblings are welcome)	Game On! Football 5-7pm	Holiday activities and meal 12pm		

Week 6	Blacon Adventure Playground	Blacon Library	KGV Sports Hub	Blacon Beacons & Holy Trinity @ The Church Hall	Blacon Children Centre	Delta Centre (On Cairns Crescent)
Monday 24 th August	11-6 General play games and activities					Youth Club 6.30-8.30 (Age 11-19years old)
Tuesday 25 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Craft Corner 2-4pm	Rhymetime 10.30-11am				Youth Club 6.30-8.30 (Age 11-19years old)
Wednesday 26 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Later night Chill 7pm-9pm Age 10-16	Family Lego 3.30-4.30pm	Rugby League with Chester Gladiators 5-6.30pm			
Thursday 27 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Craft corner 2-4pm	Children's craft event 2.30-3.30pm				
Friday 28 th August	11-6 General play games and activities Slip and Slide 2-4pm		Game On! Football 5-7pm			

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Blacon Adventure playground opening hours are:

Mon-Fri 10.30am - 6.30pm

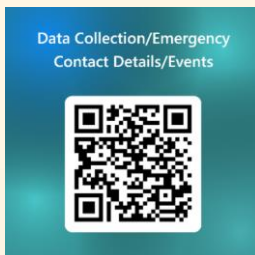
Weekends 10am – 6pm

No booking required.

The Playground will provide packed lunches Monday – Friday between 12.30-1pm, supported by community volunteers, Blacon Butterflies and playground staff.

Contact 01244 371129 for more information. Alternatively see Blacon Adventure playground Facebook page for more details.

If you are sending your child/children (over the age of 8) without an adult, could you please fill in a contact form for each child using the QR code below:



All data collected and used in line with the **Data Protection Act 2018**

Collecting data helps us to secure funding to provide free events/food/games for all children and young people also to have an adult contact in case of emergency.

King George V Sports hub Chester FC Trust:

Open to boys and girls aged 5-15

Please book a session
via 01244 560580 or

Email: community@chesterfc.com

Blacon Beacons and Holy Trinity church have combined to create events together.

Blacon Beacons office hours
Tuesday-Thursday 9-1pm
on 07851870078

Holy Trinity Church 01244 376085
Blacon Children Centre: Contact
01244 397412

**Delta Centre on
Cairns Crescent:** Youth Work Officer -
01244 977720

EHPChesterandRural@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Blacon Library
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and
Friday: 9am - 5pm
Thursday: 9am - 6pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 1pm

To book onto activities contact:

All the Blacon library events can be booked from **Saturday 4 July** which is **Sign Up Saturday** for this year's Summer Reading Challenge – **Read to the Beat**.

Any remaining tickets will be made available from **Monday 20 July**
via www.ticketsource.co.uk/cwaclibraries

Blacon library still have a few events to confirm for mid-August, once confirmed they will go on to our events page here: [What's on in our Libraries | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

They also have weekend activities including:
Family Chess Club every Saturday 10-12pm
Family Board Games and colouring every Saturday 10-12pm

London Trip

The History department were delighted to take a group of Year 7 and 8 students to London this week for an overnight visit full of excitement and adventure with Mr Green and Miss Liddell. Students went sightseeing, visited the Docklands museum and saw the Lion King on the West End!

All were amazing in the Imperial War Museum on Wednesday. Then, when most went to London Dungeons for a fright, Miss Liddell took a few on an adventure to Buckingham Palace to see the sights!

Students were excellent ambassadors for the school, and we hope that they enjoyed themselves.



Matilda Cast



Mrs Hudson was pleased to visit the cast of Matilda Jr's after party this week to award them Headteacher's Commendations for their outstanding commitment to Performing Arts, and for a superb run of shows. Their hard work was evident throughout the performance, and they should be very proud!

Job of the Week

Toy designers create new toys, games, and play products that are fun, safe, and suitable for different age groups. They develop ideas, produce sketches, and computer designs, build prototypes, and work with engineers and manufacturers to turn their ideas into products sold in shops. They also test designs with children and families to make sure the toys are enjoyable, durable, and meet strict safety standards.



[Learn more on YouTube!](#)

Many people study product design, industrial design, engineering, or a related creative subject at university, while others enter through a product design and development technician or product design and development engineer apprenticeship.

Employers usually look for a strong portfolio of design work alongside an understanding of materials, manufacturing, and child safety.

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 at the link [here](#).

Letters are sent home via Edulink One and Parentpay, and we strongly recommend making sure you have signed up for these services. Paper copies are always available on request.

A guide to registering to Edulink One can be found on our website [here](#). To sign up for Parentpay, please get in touch at admin@blaconhigh.cheshire.sch.uk

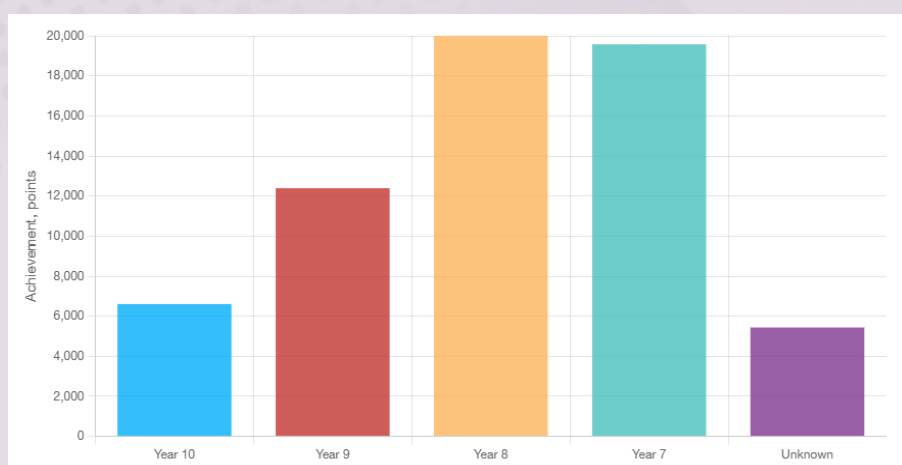
Congratulations to Year 8!

The results are in – Year 8 have ended the 2025/26 academic year with the most achievement points.

Totalling a very impressive 19, 999 points, this amount reflects the hard work our Year 8 students have given to their learning this year. It is a superb achievement!

We would like to congratulate all students for their determination, resilience, and dedication to our school. We look forward to continuing with them in September 2026.

Year	Total Points
7	19 583
8	19 999
9	12 396
10	6608
11	5437



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



Motivational Quote of the Week

**"Never let
anyone tell you
that you cannot
achieve your
dreams."**

Baroness Floella
Benjamin



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Baroness Floella Benjamin is a British actress, author, children's television presenter and member of the House of Lords. Born in Trinidad, she moved to the UK as a child and overcame many challenges, including discrimination and adapting to a new country.

Throughout her career, she has championed children's rights, education, equality and diversity. Today, Baroness Benjamin is recognised as one of Britain's most influential advocates for young people. She continues to use her voice to promote fairness, opportunity and the importance of believing in yourself.

Water Safety

This summer, the RNLI are sharing their #RespectTheWater campaign to raise awareness for life-saving techniques for those who find themselves struggling in water.

The campaign outlines five key steps – tilting your head back, relaxing your breathing, move your hands and legs, don't worry about sinking legs, and practicing in a supervised location like a swimming pool.

For more information, visit <https://rnli.org/water-safety/float>



Staffing Updates

As the academic year comes to a close, we would like to share with our school community changes to our teaching staff.

Staff Leaving

- Mrs Bolwell – English
- Mr Cox – Technology
- Miss Garner – Year 8 Progress Leader
- Miss Sandbach – TA
- Ms McHugh – Head's PA
- Mr Pedder – Maths
- Mrs Vaughan – Art and Design

Staff Joining

- Ms Dulic – Technology Technician
- Miss Hoar – English maternity cover for Mrs Gibson-Tipping
- Mr Harvey – Second in Maths

We have also had a number of staff changing their roles within school:

Staff Moving Roles

- Mrs Roberts – Year 7 Progress Leader to Head of Inclusion Centre
- Miss Staff – Year 8 Learning Mentor to Year 8 Progress Leader
- Mr Downie – New Year 7 Progress Leader
- Mrs Kennedy – New Year 7 Progress Leader
- Miss McMillan – New Learning Mentor for incoming Year 7

We wish all of the staff who are leaving all the best as they move on to pastures new and look forward to welcoming new staff in to school in September.



Dates for the Diary 2026

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Thursday 20th August – Year 11 (Class of 2026) GCSE Results Day

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Tuesday 1st September – Staff Training Day – School closed to students

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Wednesday 2nd September – Year 7's only return to school

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Thursday 3rd September – All years return to school starting at 8:40am

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Wednesday 9th September – Years 5 and 6 Open Evening, 4 – 8pm

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Monday 14th September – Year 7 Information Evening 6-7pm

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Tuesday 15th September – Years 8 and 9 Information Evening 6 – 7pm

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Wednesday 16th September – Year 10 Information Evening 6 – 7pm

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Thursday 17th September – Year 11 Information Evening 6 -7pm

National Thank a Teacher Day

It's not too late to take part in National Thank a Teacher Day from **17th June**.

Now is the perfect time to show some appreciation to the incredible school staff who inspire and educate in schools, colleges, and early years settings nationwide.

Why not take a moment to celebrate the hardworking, passionate members of your school community with a quick, easy and free message of thanks? Visit www.thankateacher.co.uk to send a free, personalised e-card.



**WHO WILL YOU
SAY THANKS TO
ON THANK A TEACHER DAY?**

Send a Free Personalised Card → thankateacher.co.uk