

Parental Communication & Engagement



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Message from Headteacher

This week we have focussed on rewarding those pupils who have been here all week, 10 sessions! All those that have been here 100% of the time will be allowed to have an extended lunch one day next week as a reward for their commitment to learning. We all know that we sometimes get ill, but we cannot stress enough how important it is for students to be here all day every day!

We are also continuing with our rewards initiative to celebrate students' effort and commitment and on Thursday, students nominated by their teachers were invited to the atrium to enjoy a sweet treat as recognition of their consistent hard work. Nominations are based on our school's core values of **Respect, Responsibility, Effort, Knowledge and Resilience**. Pupils chosen will have consistently demonstrated these values in their learning and behaviour. Well done to everyone who was nominated!

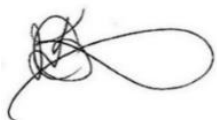
This week we had 3 netball fixtures and had 3 successful wins! On Tuesday, the Year 8s won 14 - 2 against The Link Academy. Ruby Baker - 8AY won player of the match. On Wednesday, we took both the Year 8s and 9s to Ellowes Hall. The Year 8s won 17 - 2 with Ruby Baker - 8AY winning player of the match again! The Year 9s also won 9 - 4 where Emily Ball - 9DY was awarded player of the match. Well done!



Our Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies students also visited Coventry Cathedral this week for an inspiring and thought-provoking day. The visit began with a tour of the ruins of the old cathedral, destroyed during the Blitz, where students reflected on the impact of war and explored themes of global conflict, peace, and reconciliation. They then toured the modern cathedral, mapping out its features and furnishings, and considering the ways architecture and symbolism communicate faith. The highlight of the day was our lively "Grill a Canon" session, where students posed thoughtful and often challenging questions to a Cathedral Canon. He responded superbly, encouraging real debate and reflection. Mr Mac and Mrs Gidda were particularly impressed by how respectful, inquisitive, and well-behaved our students were throughout the day. They were a real credit to their parents/carers and they were excellent ambassadors of our school!

Our Year 11 Post 16 Evening took place on Thursday evening where we welcomed 28 different local providers for our annual Post 16 Evening. All Year 11 students and their parents/carers were invited to come and talk to local colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers about their options for after they finish their GCSEs. This is a key part of our careers programme for Year 11, alongside their individual careers appointments to help them make informed choices about their future. Thanks to everyone who came along!

We will be celebrating Black History Month this October with form resources and assemblies on the struggles of black people throughout history and celebrating their successes and positive impact on British life. Students will also be treated to special meals served in the canteen with food influenced by black culture. All students will be taught about key black figures in every subject area and how they have made an impact. This year we will let students decide how they would like to celebrate and we will be getting feedback over the next couple of weeks. This could be some students leading dance classes at lunch times, hair braiding, food tasting, language classes all influenced by black culture, or preparing resources for all students to share their experiences as black students or information on their or their families ethnic background.



Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

Events/Reminders

- Kindness Week - WC Monday 6 October 2025;
- Year 7 Settling in Evening - Monday 6 October 2025 at 5.30pm (ALL Year 7 Parents/Carers);
- Year 7 Settling in Evening Targeted Meetings - Monday 6 October 2025 at 6.30pm **Selected Year 7 Parents/Carers;*
- Year 7 - 11 Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session - Thursday 9 October 2025;
- Year 11 Triple Science Revision Session - Thursday 9 October 2025 at 3.15pm - 4.15pm (B104)
- Hello Yellow Young Minds/World Mental Health Day - Friday 10 October 2025;
- PSHE - Friday 10 October 2025 - Periods 2 & 3.

Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

- ALL Parents/Carers - Maths Non-Required Work Letter;
- Year 7 Settling in Letter;
- Year 7 'Targeted' Meeting Letter;
- Year 7 Theatre Trip Letter;
- Year 10 Textiles & Art Trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens Letter;

- Year 10 Geography Update Letter - September 2025;
- Year 11 Geography Update Letter - September 2025.

Updates

Kindness Week - WC Monday 6 October 2025

Week beginning Monday 6 October 2025 is **Kindness Week**, run in partnership with the NSPCC. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community to focus on spreading kindness and fostering a culture of empathy and respect. Throughout the week, pupils will take part in activities that encourage them to support one another, celebrate positive behaviours, and recognise the impact small acts of kindness can have. Whether it's helping a friend with homework, sitting with someone new at lunch, or sharing a kind word, each action contributes to building a happier and more supportive school environment. We are looking forward to seeing our pupils embrace the spirit of the week and carry the message of kindness with them well beyond the classroom. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a culture where every act of kindness makes a difference.

Extra-Curricular

Please see below our PE Extra-Curricular Timetable for Autumn 1.

PE Extra-Curricular Autumn 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time
Cricket Club Pupils Sportshall NAB & ILS	Badminton 7-9 Sportshall NBE & ILS	After school		Badminton 10 & 11 Sportshall NBE & ILS
After school	After school	Basketball 7-11 Sports Hall RCL	After school	After school
Girls Football 7-11 Astro Outside staff.	Football Year 9 Astro JWS	Football Year 7 Astro SCY	Football Year 10 Astro PAS	Football Year 11 Astro NBE
	Netball 8-11 Sportshall ILS	Rugby 7-11 Field NBE	Football Year 8 Field NBE	
			Netball Year 7 Sportshall ILS	

Lunchtime & After School Extra-Curricular (None PE)

Please see below our Lunchtime & After School Extra-Curricular None PE Timetable for Autumn 1.

 After School Clubs 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 9 Book Club 3.10pm - 4.00pm PLC	Year 8 Book Club 3.10pm - 4.00pm PLC Year 7 - German Club 3.10pm - 4.10pm A13 Year 7 - 9 Lego Club *Invitation Only 3.10pm - 3.45pm Inclusion Hub	Year 7 - 9 Dance Club 3.10pm - 4.10pm Dance Studio Year 7 Book Club 3.10pm - 4.00pm PLC Year 7 - 9 Mindful Colouring Club *Invitation Only 3.10pm - 3.45pm Inclusion Hub	All Years Choir 3.10pm - 4.10pm D106 Years 7 - 8 Uno Club 3.10pm - 3.55pm A6 Year 7 - 9 Karaoke Club *Invitation Only 3.10pm - 3.45pm Inclusion Hub	Year 7 - 9 Book Club 3.10pm - 4.00pm PLC
Please note: It is the responsibility of the pupil to inform parents & carers if they are going to attend the activities. The school will not make phone calls home if pupils do not attend the activities after enrolling. If pupils enrol for an activity they should attend every week until the end of the course. If pupils do not attend regularly they will be asked to leave the activity. We operate the activities on a first come/first served basis and sometimes we may have to refuse pupils a place on the activity.				

 Lunchtime Clubs 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 E-Sports FIFA C101	Year 8 & 9 E-Sports FIFA C101 All Years Cyber Explorers A8	Year 10 & 11 E-Sports FIFA C101	Year 8 & 9 E-Sports FIFA C101	Year 10 & 11 E-Sports FIFA C101