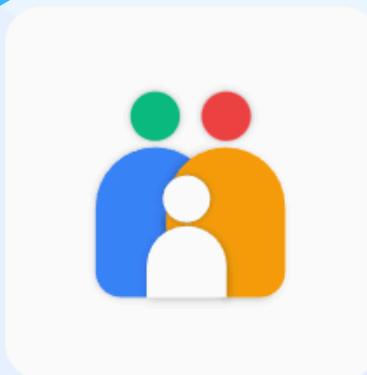




MCAS Reminder

Thank you for checking the MCAS app on your phone so that you are able to track your child's data. This includes celebrating their achievement points and following up with them when they do not get it quite right. We are really focusing on punctuality to lessons. Thank you for your support here.



MCAS
My Child At School

Ready to Learn

Thank for ensuring that your child knows their timetable for their day ahead, has a fully charged chromebook and have all their equipment ready for each and every day.

Year 7 Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming all our Yr 7 parents / carers to our subject parents' evening on Thursday 5th February. This will be a really important evening for your child.

The power of reading

This week we have launched the National Year of Reading with all year groups in assemblies. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate reading in all its forms.

The theme of the campaign is to 'go all in': reading into the things we are passionate about to find out more. Whether students are reading books, song lyrics, subtitles, manga, match reports, instruction manuals or listening to audiobooks - it all counts!

We have our school library, but also Beachcroft library and they offer a scheme with a library card, enabling users to borrow up to 6 audiobooks for free with their app. This week we have asked students to pledge to give ten minutes of their TikTok or TV time each day over to reading in any form they are interested in. This is a brilliant opportunity to get involved and something that families may want to do together. More competitions and exciting opportunities will be released over the next few weeks and we urge our students to 'go all in' and get involved!



Year 10 GCSE Food

Year 10 GCSE Food students have had a creative start to the term. Over the past few weeks, students have been exploring the science of yeast in bread-making to accompany the fresh soups they made last week.

Beyond the delicious results, they are building essential life skills: time management, precision, and culinary creativity. We are so proud of their progress!

#LifeSkills #CulinaryArts #Year10Success #FoodEducation



Year 7 / 8 Girls Foodball

We would like to share some fantastic news following Tuesday's Utilita Cup Area Final.

A huge well done to all the students who took part. Once again, they were a credit to the school. Their togetherness, teamwork and the way they played for one another truly stood out throughout the competition.

As one of the top two teams from the Area Final, the girls have now qualified for the next round – the Southern Final. Fingers crossed, this could even lead to Wembley!

Every single player should be extremely proud of herself. Each and every one played a vital role in today's success – from crucial penalty saves and brave penalty takers, to goals in the group stages, committed defending, and the determination shown to get back and support the team when it mattered most. It was a fantastic team performance and a brilliant achievement.



Future events and important dates

- 01.02.26 - Basketball Trip
- 02.02.26 - Y11 Art Mock
- 03.02.26 - Y11 Photography Mock
- 04.02.26 - GCSE Clay Day
- 04.02.26 - Y11 French Speaking
- 05.02.26 - Y11 French Speaking
- 05.02.26 - Y7 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.30pm
- 09.02.26 - Science Live Year 11

With our continued thanks.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.
Please be reminded that we have a 5 day response time.

Mrs Leigh-Bennett
Headteacher



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