



NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

This week, we have been conducting our Sixth Form interviews with our internal candidates. Conditional offers will be sent out through the Applicaa system. With over 400 applicants this year, we will be meeting with external candidates next month, in after school sessions.

The highlight of my week was meeting a small group of Year 8 and Year 10 pupils for a Headteacher's Breakfast. The pupils were selected based on their highest 'Approach to Learning' scores on their reports. We know that their current and future success is based on hard work and self-discipline, and we all want to nurture and promote these personal traits throughout the school.

Finally, a huge shout out to this week's Headteachers Gallery: Sam Cross and Noah Taylor in Year 12, for their excellent planning and making skills, when producing work in Product Design.

This week's Make a Difference Award goes to Stephanie Vanlint, Cover Supervisor, for being proactive, highly organised and engaging with the pupils.



Year 11 Poetry Live Trip

On Thursday, Year 11 pupils had the opportunity to meet some of the most prestigious poets of the 21st century. The poets discussed and shared some of their insight into why they wrote their power and conflict poems, which appear in the English Literature GCSE curriculum. The line-up included Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy and John Agard. The lecture took place at the Apollo Theatre in London. The poets shared personal anecdotes and experiences, which helped to reinforce the messages of their poems, allowing pupils a better understanding of their content. The resources and extra knowledge gained will help pupils further their studies and support the skills tested and required in their Literature summer examinations.



★ Lego League Submerged Challenge 2025

Our school's participation in the First LEGO League Submerged 2025 challenge was nothing short of incredible. Our pupils: **Year 8 David Baxter, Austin Fearne, Oscar Mellis, Mason Nguyen, James Turner, Joshua Wan, Megan Woods and Year 7 Rohan Gajendran, Noah Langley, Sean Park**, all worked tirelessly over several months, designing and programming their LEGO robots to tackle the various water-themed missions.

The team's innovation project, which focused on developing sustainable fishing, was particularly impressive. They not only presented a practical solution but also communicated their ideas clearly, showcasing creativity and teamwork.

Our pupils left with a newfound appreciation for STEM and the impact technology can have on solving global challenges. Overall, the experience was educational, empowering, and thoroughly enjoyable for everyone.

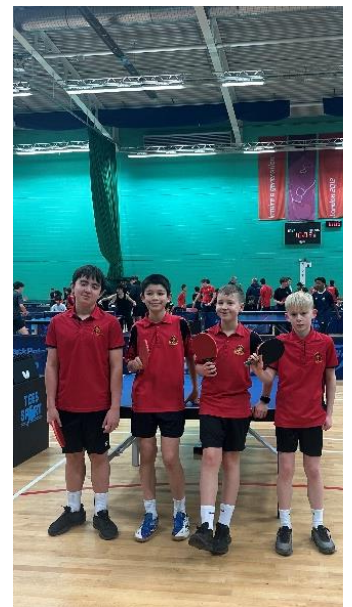


★ U14 Boys' Table Tennis Team Shine

Following their victory at the County Table Tennis Competition, our U14 boys' team (**Martis Heyes, Charlie Ware, Archie Giles, and James Williamson**) travelled to the London Regional Tournament at Redbridge Sports Centre.

In their opening group game, the team made a strong statement, defeating Harris Academy (Chobham) 8-0, with Mateus securing a standout win. Next, they faced London Academy (Edgware), one of the top four ranked schools in the country. Despite a tough loss, Archie beat their number 2 seed, helping to secure our place in the quarterfinals. Here, we faced King's College (Wimbledon). The tie came down to the final game, where James, who had been in superb form all day, narrowly missed out on forcing a playoff.

The whole team was outstanding throughout the day, demonstrating exceptional skill and sportsmanship while competing at a fantastic venue against some of the Region's top players. Special mention must go to Charlie, our number 1 seed, who displayed incredible consistency throughout the day, taking on each school's top player and winning most of his matches.



Dates for the Diary

- 03.02.25 – 05.02.25 Year 7 Mid-Year Assessments (Maths & English)
Year 9 Options Launch
Workshop – Impressionable Minds, drugs awareness
- 03.02.25 – Year 11 Food & Nutrition Practical Exam
- 05.02.25 – Year 9 Workshop, N-Act 'Invisible'
- 06.02.25 – Year 9 **Options Evening: X Band 16:00 & Y Band 17:15**
Post-16 College trip
Year 11 Food & Nutrition Practical Exam
- 07.02.25 – Year 13 Art/Photography trip to London

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Word of the Week Week 19 eminent



adjective: famous and respected within a particular sphere

Sentence: Aretha Franklin is one of the world's most eminent singers.



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