

# WELCOME BACK!



**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCT**

**PARENT WORKSHOP - ONLINE SAFETY**

**9.30am**

**This in an ONLINE event**

Learn how to help keep your child safe online with advice, tips and conversation around the modern digital world.

Details on how to join will be sent separately closer to the time.



**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**

## ➤ **NEW CHOICES EVENING PARENT EVALUATION FORM**

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our New Choices Evening! Your feedback will help us improve future events and ensure we are meeting the needs of our families.

Please take a few minutes to complete this form. Many thanks,

Mrs T Kitteridge  
Deputy Headteacher

[CLICK HERE](#) to fill out the evaluation form

## ➤ **SCHOOL PLANNERS**

Students now have their planners, which have lots of useful information and support in them, including your child's class timetable (found at the back).

Planners are a great way for you to communicate with the school and for students to record any information they may need.


Please encourage your child to keep this safe and bring it into school every day.

## ➤ **SCHOOL HOUSE BADGES**

Students will soon receive a House Badge, which they are allowed (and encouraged!) to wear on their uniform if they wish. More information will be shared soon but please look out for them and encourage your child to look after them.

Dates for the academic year 2025-26 can be found on our website - [CLICK HERE](#)

## MORE THAN JUST BOOKS!

 Encourage your child to read menus, game instructions, TV subtitles, or online articles! Everyday reading builds confidence just as much as storybooks. These small opportunities show them that reading is useful, enjoyable, and part of everyday life.



## YEAR 7

A huge well done to all Year 7 students for such a positive and successful start to secondary school. Most students are now fully independent in finding their way to lessons and lunchtime clubs, and they are rightly proud of this achievement.

It has also been encouraging to see students building positive relationships with staff and peers, settling into routines, and beginning to make the most of the opportunities available to them. Their growing confidence and sense of belonging are a great foundation for the year ahead.

## YEAR 8

Year 8 have made a fantastic start to the new school year. They are settling well into routines and showing real maturity as they step up as role models to the new Year 7s.

It has been great to see so many of them getting involved in lunchtime clubs. The Wellbeing Hub, Animal Care and Board Games have been especially popular, giving students the chance to try new things, meet different friends and contribute positively to the wider school community.

We are also excited to start working with the Palace for Life Foundation as part of their PSHE lessons this term. These sessions are designed to help students build workplace skills such as teamwork, resilience and communication.

Congratulations to Ruby R, our Student of the Week, for her fantastic start to the term and some amazing performance poetry.

We are very proud of the enthusiasm Year 8 are showing both in and out of the classroom. Well done to everyone for a brilliant beginning to the year.

## YEAR 9

We are delighted to welcome our Year 9 students back after the summer break. It has been wonderful to see them looking so smart and ready to learn in their school uniform.

As always, we are here to help, and if your child needs any support settling back into routines, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Jacob (Head of Year) or a member of the Year 9 team.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the New Choices evening recently, a great opportunity to learn more about college pathways, courses, and the support available as Year 9 will start to look at Options subject this year.

## YEAR 10

Our Year 10 students have made an excellent start to their Key Stage 4 journey. They have returned with a positive attitude towards learning and are working hard across both their core and new option subjects. It has also been wonderful to see them looking so smart in their uniforms. Well done, Year 10!

We are especially proud to congratulate them on achieving the Bronze Level 1 Award in the Arts, earned last year through their work in Drama with Mrs Moore. The award was officially presented to them during Tutor Time this week and marks a fantastic beginning to the next chapter of their learning journey.

# YEAR 11

Year 11 students have made a very positive start to the new academic year. They are showing strong commitment to their transition to college and are behaving like responsible young adults.

Congratulations to Michael, Theo, Oscar, Ethan H and Thomas on passing their Maths GCSE exam! Their dedication and hard work during revision sessions have paid off, they are a true inspiration to their peers. Megan G and Finn L have also proven themselves to be fantastic role models, helping our new year 7s settle in.

Congratulations to Coco B, who has secured a place on the England National Cheerleading Team! A remarkable achievement that reflects her resilience and dedication.

Thank you to everyone who attended the New Choices evening. It was lovely to see so many of you there, and we hope you found the evening both enjoyable and informative. If you were unable to attend and would like more information, please feel free to contact us and our Careers Lead will be able to help.

## PROVISION

### KS3/4

Our new year 7s have been getting to know their classmates and settling into classroom routines. In Maths, we have been looking at practical number activities, using real objects and games to make counting and comparing amounts fun and accessible. Students practised taking turns, sharing resources, and talking through their ideas.

We regularly use strategies such as showing answers on whiteboards, counting games, and celebrating 'have a go' attempts, even if we don't get it right first time!

It has been lovely to see the group beginning to build friendships, whilst also developing their early Maths skills.

### KS5

Wow, what a great start to the year! Students have returned full of joy and motivation for their learning. New students in 6M have settled into their tutor group, navigating their new timetable well, accepting the changes and embracing new opportunities. Welcome to our new year 12s!

In Life Skills this term the focus is on self-care support, safety, and Personal Hygiene. It's really important students develop these skills, starting with looking after themselves, making sure they are ready for the school day presented smart and fresh!

In Kings Trust the unit this term is Wellbeing. Those who take this option have started learning about emotional resilience, embracing how we can look after our mental health!

Sixth Form students have also taken on the challenge of adding more fruit, flowers and vegetables to our already abundant Quad in the school grounds. After the holidays there were potatoes to harvest and *huge* weeds to get rid of. With much enthusiasm (even in the rain) they tackled a huge area with great skill. They then peeled, chopped, boiled and mashed the potatoes ready for tasting!

