



Friday 25th October 2025

End of term updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a big thank you for all your support this term, especially with the renewed focus on our school culture. In particular thank you for your children looking so smart as they arrive in the morning, as well as your children's attendance at school – despite the significant challenges there have been at times.

Visitors to school have noted how smart pupils are and how focused they are on their learning, and I have been proud to hold a number of school tours during the school day. We will continue these next half term and will send you dates if you are interested in joining us.

Reminders for the start of next half term

Pupils will need their books, equipment, planner and Excellence card on Monday 4th November. Support your child make sure they have packed what they need, **in a traditional school bag**, in good time.

Given the great work this half term, please do support your child to remember a full pencil case as well as our expectations about jewellery/shoes/make up and so on.

A reminder that our school gate closes at 8.25am. Punctuality to school has been excellent this half term, and we really appreciate this so that we can have an excellent start to the day.

Excellence

Cards

We have trialled these throughout this half term and they have become a key part of what we do. The key point is that pupils carry around a record of how well they have done each week. If we need to remind a pupil about low level mistakes, we mark this on the card.

- If a pupil returns a completely positive card – this card will be entered into a raffle which we will hold at the end of the half term. More clean cards = a bigger chance of a prize!
- If a pupil gets 0-6 reminders, ***this is the vast majority of our pupils***, a positive reward will be allocated on ClassCharts which is equivalent to 5x ATL 5s.
- A small number of pupils are getting 7 or more marks on their card. In this instance, or if the card is lost or forgotten, then pupils will stay after school on a Tuesday for a correction. This means we can discuss with them what is going wrong through the week. Our trial suggests this will mainly happen when pupils are late to class or are choosing not to wear their uniform as smartly as at the start of the day. The after school correction is in place to further encourage pupils to meet our expectations.

If your child is staying after school on a Tuesday, you will be informed via ClassCharts on the Monday. While schools do not have to give notice to parents for keeping their child after school, we are choosing to do so. If your child has not been getting a clean card, you may wish to speak with them because we will not be changing after school sanctions to lunch time sanctions.



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Year 11 Parents' Evening

A reminder that our Year 11 Parents' Evening is scheduled for Thursday, 14th November – please save the date! We encourage all pupils to attend this event with you. We know that this is a powerful event which supports your child in understanding what they need to do next in each of their subjects. Further information on how to book your appointments will be sent out after half term.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term. We look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on **Monday, 4th November**.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McMorn
Head of School