



Friday 23 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic start to the summer term for our Year 9 students. Their energy, enthusiasm, and focus have been a credit to them, and we are proud of the mature and positive way they returned to school after the Easter break.

This half term, we have already packed in a range of enriching activities and opportunities. We were pleased to welcome the team from Connect Health, who have been working with the whole year group as well as supporting individual students. Their input has been informative and supportive, and we know students have benefitted from these valuable conversations.

We also launched our third 100% Attendance Challenge this term and have been impressed with the determination many students showed in meeting this goal. It is wonderful to see such commitment to learning and community spirit.

A particular highlight this half term was our rewards trip to Alton Towers to celebrate and reward those students that have continued to display an exemplary attitude and behaviour in / out of lesson time. The behaviour and attitude of our students on the day was outstanding—they represented the school brilliantly, and it was a well-deserved treat to celebrate their hard work and achievements.

During tutor time, students have continued to engage in a varied and meaningful curriculum. We have been learning about our partner school in Mumbai, which builds on the incredible visit some of our Year 9 students took part in back in March. It's been inspiring to see our students reflecting on global connections and how we can support each other across communities. Our student voice sessions have also been active, with lots of great suggestions on how we can improve our school together. In addition, we have explored key topics such as careers education and digital literacy, helping students to prepare for the future with confidence and awareness.

Top Reward Winners – Congratulations to all our reward winners this half-term. Our top ten are as follows:

| Student | Rewards |
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| Willow S | 45 |
| Amaana S | 43 |
| Joseph R | 42 |
| Tuna Y | 40 |
| Esme B | 39 |
| Nathan I | 39 |
| Yashita B | 39 |
| Jessica P | 38 |
| Ben W | 37 |
| Evie R | 37 |

A message from Mr Lowdell

Given the extremely short nature of this term we will save our main bulletin until the end of the academic year. A brief note from me, on behalf of the school, to thank you as always for your continued support. Whether you are supporting your child through key terminal assessments, or helping them achieve the small milestones each day, your contribution is never underestimated. This term has been incredibly speedy but wonderful nonetheless. A couple of special notes and a well done to all those who are working hard through the exam season, our Gold DofE students for completing their 4 day expedition, Year 10 students who completed the Physics Olympiad and all those who continue to be rewarded daily for working hard in each lesson.

On a lighter note, a quick share as we head to the break. Every now and again I am reminded of what a brilliant, privileged and yet unpredictable job we all have here at school in working with young people. On one morning this term I was greeted by an incredibly excited lower school student who ran towards me to tell me we had two dinosaurs and a large shark on the school site... I was adamant this was unlikely only to be marched across the playground and proven wrong. Not only did we find these three characters, they were also being tailed by a large group of 6ft Smurfs!! For photos please see the [latest news item](#) as we said a fond farewell to our brilliant Year 13 students. Seeing them on their final full school day, amidst the pressures of exams and the prospect of next step destinations into adulthood is always a bittersweet moment but one where we really see the hard work of all pay off.

Have a great break and please do praise your young people for all their continued hard work.

Looking ahead, after the half term break, we'll begin preparations for all our end-of-year assessments and gear up for some of the much-anticipated summer events, including the Whole school Celebration evening on June 25 for those nominated for an award, summer music concert on July 8, College Assemblies July 7-11 and Sports Day on July 15. Another milestone for Year 9 is just around the corner: students will be finding out their final GCSE options in July, ready to begin in September as they transition into Key Stage 4.

Summer Drama Production - The VIBE Drama club students will be performing an edited version of A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. Under the guidance of Mrs Hill, the students have collaborated as an ensemble to explore the text through practical workshops to bring the story to life through physical theatre and narration.

The performance will take place on Tuesday 1 July in the theatre and will start at 6.00pm. It is free of charge to attend, but for us to gauge numbers and make the arrangements, please go online to www.parentpay.com to indicate if you are attending.

We hope all our students and families enjoy a restful and enjoyable half term break. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the final seven weeks of Key Stage 3—let's make them count!

Warm regards,

Alan Boyes