



15/05/26

**I cannot express how hard our Year 11's are working through their examinations. Pupils are ensuring they are in for revision sessions and giving 100% to everything—Well done!**

**I'd also like to congratulate Elijah Simmonds in Year 9 who decided at very short notice that he would like to be entered for Maths GCSE this year. Well done Elijah—we are also very proud of you!**

**Next week we have English Literature exam, English Language and P.E—Good Luck!**

**Thank you to our School Council reps who have ensured that the school playground furniture and equipment starts over May half term. We begin phase 1 of the playground. Over half term, we will be putting down some painted snakes and ladders and dart boards on the concrete KS3 area as well as fixing in four picnic tables and benches and three plastic benches. Well done School council—thank you for your brilliant suggestions.**

**Year 9 Options update:**

**I am currently looking at reviewing our curriculum offer for 2026/27 as we would like to change our options to suit our pupils and also to ensure that we are still giving our pupils the best chances of college placements post-16. I will update you all with the Year 9 Options evening event later this term.**

**Have a wonderful weekend**

**Kate Luke (Headteacher)**

### **Important dates for your diary:**

11th May-10th June 2026—Year 11 GCSEs

Friday 22nd May—End of Term 5

Monday 1st June 2026—INSET day—no school for pupils

Tuesday 2nd June—Term 6 starts

Wednesday 22nd July 2026—End of Year

Thursday 20th August—Year 11 Results Day



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## WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN OUR CLASSES THIS WEEK?

7a This week in maths we have moved on to Distance/Speed = Time. We are calculating converting units and lengths to be uniform. In English we have been creating short stories and using ChatGPT to turn them into cartoons – Mixed results! In Science we are making helicopters looking at forces. We have completed our castles in humanities and adding finishing touches. The last week of swimming is next week and Mr Murphy is looking forward to getting in the pool! We say goodbye to Mr Shutt this week which has been sad because he will be missed.

8a – This week in maths we have been exploring the world of algebra and practicing solving 1 and 2 step equations. In English we have been creating a comparison of 2 different poems.

8b – This week, we looked at food webs and how one small change in ecosystem can lead to massive repercussions for everyone. We also develop our equation calculation skills further. What is more, we compared two poems with seemingly different themes that convey a similar message of freedom

10a – A good week for 10A as their English and Maths lessons become even more challenging in the lead up to the end of Year 10. Maths is a favourite for this tutor group, and they all enjoyed our extra tutor session on Wednesday, looking at prime number and division. All completed with a fruit themed breakfast with pancakes and maple syrup! They earned it!!

10b – Another great week for 10B students, engaging in many lessons with effort and independence. McKenzie was nominated for the top table for his commitment to KS3 PE mentoring, always aiding Mr Mitchell and taking time to participate with younger students. Ja'Dore, McKenzie, Alfie and Damarae continue to demonstrate contemporary knowledge of sporting issues, relating these to our latest topic – technology in sport. Mr Richards wanted to recognise the efforts of Hayden and Vincent in construction – they are working incredibly hard to improve their carpentry skills, producing excellent bridal joints, demonstrating accurate measuring and cutting.

Miss Payne – Great week to all students but a special shout out to Riley Studley and Honey Parady for excellent S&LT sessions this week. We looked at emotions, how we show the emotions and how people might feel in different scenarios.

Pathways to Re-engage. Online Safety in Computing and Interventions to Support Memory & Processing.

PE – Students continue to engage well in our curriculum activity of cricket. This week they have been practicing the drive shot in cricket, with all achieving at least core success criteria of hitting the ball straight and in front of square. The darts competition was concluded this week with Cailan beating Seb in the year 11 final and Raheem beating Charlie in the KS3/KS4 final. Next week, we host Aurora Severnside school in 5 a side football friendlies, where we hope KS3 and KS4 can continue their amazing run of victories!

## 100% ATTENDANCE 08/05 – 14/05

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|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| - Regan           | - Archie   | - Charlie |
| - Alfie           | - Raheem   | - Ethan   |
| - <u>Danteino</u> | - Annabel  | - Ashton  |
| - Callun          | - Lilly    | - Riley B |
| - OP              | - Honey    | - Cailan  |
| - Cody            | - Kieran   | - Vinny   |
| - Amelia          | - Raf      | - Seb     |
| - Poppy           | - Elijah   | - Josh    |
| - Ethan           | - Jake     | - Alfie W |
| - Riley           | - Vincent  |           |
| - Ruben           | - McKenzie |           |
| - Caleb           | - Hayden   |           |
| - Conner          | - Jadore   |           |
| - Tommy           | - Joe      |           |
| - Nate            | - Summer   |           |
| - Colbie          |            |           |
| - Bradley         |            |           |

*Congratulations!*

Most improved...

KS3—Alfie Lumber

KS4—Seb Harrison