NEWSLETTER

Term Five News

As we reach the end of Term 5, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on a term filled with energy, achievement and progress. It's been a particularly busy time across the school, and I continue to be incredibly proud of how our pupils are embracing opportunities and rising to challenges.

Term 5 has been a critical period for our Year 11 students, many of whom are now in the thick of their GCSE exams. I want to commend them on their focus, determination and resilience. Staff across the school have gone above and beyond to support revision sessions and maintain a calm, supportive environment.

To all students sitting exams: we believe in you, and we are cheering you on every step of the way.

This term, as part of our education with character curriculum, we have had a number of exciting trips taking place from our Ski Trip at Easter, to trips to historic palaces and I hope you enjoy reading about the opportunities our students have had during this short but busy term in this newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

23rd May - End of Term 5

2nd June - Start of Term 6
26th June - Year 11 Prom **27th June - INSET DAY**2nd and 3rd July - Year 6 Transition Days
2nd -4th July - Year 10 Work Experience
4th July - Year 5 Taster Day
8th July - Seahaven's got Stars
15th July - Barcelona Trip
16th July - Values Day
17th July Values Day
18th July - Last day for students **21st July - INSET DAY**22nd July - INSET DAY

As we end the term I just wanted to update you on some staff changes for next term. Mr Munnery, our current Head of Year 8 will now be moving role within the school and will lead our refocus room and Miss Hellier will be moving from her attendance role to be the Head of Year 8.

Thank you for your ongoing support in reinforcing our high standards around behaviour, uniform, and attendance. A calm, respectful culture is key to a thriving learning environment, and we are grateful for the partnership we have with families in maintaining that.

Looking Ahead to Term 6, we look forward to:

- Our Values Day trips and activities
- Transition activities for our new Year 7 cohort
- September Ready 1:1 appointments for our new Year 7 students and parents
- End of Term Assessments
- Year 5 Transition Days and Activity Day
- Final preparations for results days in August

A heartfelt thank you to all our staff, parents, carers and of course, our wonderful students. Your support and hard work make our community what it is.

I hope you enjoy a restful half-term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for a positive and productive Term 6. **Mr Newnham-Reeve - Principal**

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Juniper Hall

This week, a group of our students took part in a fantastic fieldwork trip to Juniper Hall, deep in the Surrey countryside. The visit formed part of their environmental studies and gave students the chance to get hands-on with real-world research in a stunning natural setting.

Throughout the trip, students conducted detailed investigations into local flora and the environmental impact of human activity on the surrounding ecosystems. They learned fieldwork techniques that are used, collecting data on plant diversity and exploring the balance of natural habitats.





One of the highlights of the visit was checking the overnight mammal traps, set up in the hope of catching a glimpse of some of the area's small woodland creatures—particularly shrews. While the shrews proved elusive, students were lucky enough to find something just as fascinating: an impressive Hawk Moth. The trip was not only educational but also a wonderful chance for students to connect with nature, collaborate on geographical and scientific research, and build a deeper understanding of biodiversity and conservation.

A big thank you to the staff who led the trip and to the students for their enthusiasm, curiosity, and excellent behaviour. Experiences like these are what bring learning to life!

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Ski Trip 2025

Over the Easter break, a group of our students had the incredible opportunity to travel to Austria for a week-long ski trip—and what a week it was! From breathtaking alpine views to unforgettable experiences on the slopes, the trip was a fantastic blend of adventure, learning, and fun.

Students of all abilities took to the mountains with enthusiasm,





A huge thank you goes to the staff who made the trip possible, ensuring everything ran smoothly and safely. And of course, a big well done to our students for their outstanding behaviour, positive attitude, and sense of adventure.

It was truly a trip to remember—we're already planning and looking forward to the next one!

whether they were skiing for the first time or refining their technique. Under the guidance of professional instructors—and with plenty of encouragement from staff and peerseveryone made impressive progress. It was wonderful to see students pushing themselves, gaining confidence, and celebrating each other's achievements. Beyond the skiing, the group enjoyed a variety of evening activities, including a hill side toboggan slide, bowling, and entertainment by Hong from Year 10 as he couldn't resist playing the piano in the dining area of the hotel for everyone. The trip was also a great opportunity for students to develop independence, strengthen friendships, and represent our school community with maturity and respect.





Dieppe Residential Trip

Students recently enjoyed a fantastic trip to Dieppe, where they had the chance to experience French culture, language, and history first-hand. From exploring local markets and tasting traditional French cuisine to visiting historical landmarks along the Normandy coast, the trip was both educational and lots of fun.

Highlights included practicing French, enjoying the seaside views, visiting the town's historic monuments and even a sight seeing tour on the town's yellow train. The students represented the school brilliantly and returned with great memories—and a boost in confidence with their language skills





Hampton Court Palace Trip



Our Year 8 students recently enjoyed a fascinating and fun-filled trip to Hampton Court Palace, diving into the rich history of one of England's most iconic royal residences. The students had a guided tour of the castle and grounds, and learnt about the timeline of Henry VIII's and Elizabeth's reign as well as the physical geographical landscape of the grounds.

The trip brought history and geography to life in a way that no textbook can and we hope that it will inspire our students work in the future. The trip was funded through a grant that the school received from Hampton Court Palace so it was wonderful to be able to open this opportunity to so many students.



Exams and End of Year Assessments

We are now more than half way through the GCSE exams and we would like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible determination and maturity shown by our Year 11 students. Their focused and responsible approach to their GCSEs has made us extremely proud—not just as educators, but as a school community.

There has been so many students attending the morning revision sessions, our Period 6 after-school sessions and even our Saturday and holiday revision sessions the hard work they are putting into their exams hasn't gone unnoticed. We are confident their efforts will be reflected in their results, and we are behind them every step of the way.

We would also like to say a **HUGE** thank you to **Sainsbury's Newhaven** who have donated food to the school for the Year 11 revision breakfasts. This means our students can start their day focused, fuelled and ready to tackle their exams.

Over the May half term there will be additional sessions to help our students prepare for the final lot of exams and students and parents have received personalised invites to the sessions.



Sessions will take place on the following days:

Saturday 24th - Maths

Tuesday 27th - English and Science

Wednesday 28th - History

Thursday 29th - History

Friday 30th - Geography





To all our other students, this is also a crucial time. End-of-year assessments are just around the corner, and these are an important opportunity to reflect on progress, showcase knowledge, and prepare for what lies ahead. We encourage everyone to approach these assessments with the same level of commitment and focus that we've seen from Year 11. Revision support can has been given to students and can also be found on our website.

Year 7 Exam Timetable and Revision Support
Year 8 Exam Timetable and Revision Support
Year 9 Exam Timetable and Revision Support
Year 10 Revision Support Document

Lets all finish the year strong and be ambitious together!

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Visual Arts Exhibitions - Celebrating Creative Success

We are incredibly proud to share the success of our Year 11 Visual Art Exhibition, which recently showcased the outstanding talent and creativity of our GCSE students. The exhibition was a vibrant and inspiring celebration of their hard work, personal expression, and artistic development over the course of their studies.

From detailed drawings and mixed media pieces to bold conceptual works, the variety and quality on display were truly impressive. Visitors, including staff, students, and families, were amazed by the thoughtfulness, skill, and imagination reflected in each piece and gave lots of feedback on our feedback wall.





Looking ahead, we're thrilled to announce that preparations are now underway for our Whole School Art Exhibition: Making our Mark, which will be held in the Atrium Gallery at the Marine Workshops in Newhaven. This exciting event will take place from 10th -15th June from 10am-4pm and will bring together work from students across all year groups, offering a fantastic opportunity to celebrate creativity throughout our school community in a unique and inspiring space.

The Visual Arts team will be present at the exhibition on Wednesday 11th June from 3-4pm if you would like to meet the teachers. It would be wonderful to see many of you there to support and enjoy the celebration of young artistic talent!

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Rewards and Golden Ticket

This term, our students achieved something truly outstanding-together, they earned over 10,000 reward points!

This incredible milestone reflected the effort, enthusiasm, and positive choices made by students across all year groups, and we couldn't be prouder. To celebrate this achievement, we held a special Golden Ticket Event, Rounders Royale - inter year group rounders competition.

Whether it was for showing kindness, working hard, or consistently displaying our school values, each point earned helped create a positive and supportive school environment.

The atmosphere at the event was full of excitement and energy, and it was a fantastic way to end the term on a high. A huge well done to everyone who earned points—you helped make this term something special. Let's carry that same spirit into the next term. Every positive action counts!









and the winners were Gear 7 - 7.4 and 7.6. Gear 8 - 8.6 Gear 9 - 9.4 and 9.5 Gear 10 - 10.1 a

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Year 6 Transition

We were delighted to welcome so many parents and guardians to our Year 6 Transition Event. The fantastic turnout highlighted the enthusiasm and commitment of families in supporting their children as they prepare for this exciting next step.

The event provided a great opportunity for parents to learn more about school life, meet staff, and ask any questions they may have about the transition process.



It was wonderful to see such engagement and positivity as we work together to ensure a smooth start for our new students.

Looking ahead, we are eager to continue these important conversations during our September Ready Appointments, where we will further support students and families in preparing for the new school year. Additionally, we look forward to welcoming students for our transition days on the 2nd and 3rd July, where they will have the chance to experience lessons, meet their peers, and settle into their new environment with confidence.

We are incredibly excited to support our new Year 7 students on their journey and can't wait to see them thrive. Thank you to all parents who attended – your involvement makes a huge difference!

Year 5 Sport Sessions

We are thrilled to be working closely with our local primary schools to deliver engaging sports sessions that allow younger students to experience activities in a secondary school setting. These sessions are not only a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their skills and confidence but also a great way to introduce them to our school. This term pupil's from Harbour and Breakwater have been to the school



and we are look forward to welcoming pupil's from Denton and Highcliff next term.

As we move closer to July, we are preparing to welcome these students for a taster day on the 4th July, where they will experience secondary school life, explore our facilities even further and meet their potential classmates in September 2026.

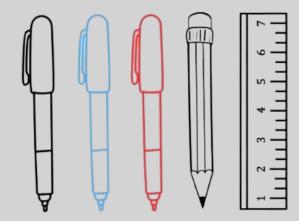
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Reminders

Student Equipment

Please ensure that your child comes to school fully equipped with the correct materials. Each student should bring to school everyday for every lesson:

- 1. Black pen
- 2. Blue pen
- 3. Red pen
- 4. Pencil
- 5. Ruler



Being prepared is essential for effective learning and helps maintain a focused classroom environment. After half term, as part of the students daily routine an equipped check will take place in tutor time. If the student doesn't have the correct equipment, then they will be issued with a same day 10 minute detention. We appreciate your support in encouraging good habits and responsibility.

Values Day

There is still time to book your child's place on to one of our Values trip for the end of the year celebrations.

Our Values Day is our way of rewarding students for their hard work over the academic year as well as giving them the opportunity to experience activities outside the classroom environment to enhance their character. The days will be on the 16th and 17thJuly and students will get to experience an out of school visit and in school activities over the two days.

We would like all students to be able to participate on the trip so please log onto ParentPay to book their space. If you are in receipt of Free School Meals and need some assistance in paying for the trip, please contact the school as we will be able to help.

