



Friday 22nd May 2026

### Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It has been another positive and purposeful week across the school, and it has been especially encouraging to see the calm, focused, and determined manner in which our Year 11 pupils continue to approach their GCSE examinations. Now, at the halfway point of the exam season, they have conducted themselves fantastically and have been a real credit to both the school and their families.

Today, it was a pleasure to provide our Year 11 pupils with a special treat in recognition of their hard work. Pupils also enjoyed the opportunity to commemorate their time together through the tradition of shirt signing, which created a wonderful atmosphere and allowed pupils to celebrate the friendships, memories, and experiences that have shaped their journey through school.

As we now approach the half-term break, we encourage all pupils and families to take the opportunity to rest, recharge, and spend valuable time together ahead of the busy weeks that remain. We thank families for their continued encouragement and support, and look forward to welcoming pupils back refreshed and ready for the remainder of the term.

### Prayer Theme

Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'.

### John 20:21-22

### We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

Fill our hearts with Your peace and guide us to share it with others each day. Send us out with courage and compassion to serve those around us with kindness and love. May Your Holy Spirit strengthen and inspire us, helping us to live with faith, hope, and joy. Lead us to support one another, to work together in harmony, and to reflect Your presence in all we do.

Amen.



### Year 6 Team Building Day

- Last Saturday, it was a pleasure to welcome a number of our Year 6 pupils, who will be joining us in September, for a special team-building day.
- Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of exciting challenges and activities designed to encourage teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. It also gave pupils the opportunity to become more familiar with the school environment, meet members of staff, and begin forming new friendships with their future classmates. The day was filled with enthusiasm, positivity, and excellent participation.
- It was wonderful to see pupils already embracing life within our school community.
- We are now very much looking forward to welcoming the full Year 6 cohort for their transition visit days from Tuesday, 30th June to Wednesday, 1st July.



### End-of-Year Assessments

- As pupils return following the half-term break, end-of-year assessments will begin across the school from 1st June for pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9.
- Year 10 and Year 12 assessments will then commence from the 15th June.
- These assessments form an important part of our RAP process and provide pupils with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, reflect on their progress, and identify areas for further development ahead of the next academic year. We would encourage families to continue supporting pupils with regular revision, organisation, and preparation during this period, helping them to establish positive study routines at home. It has been extremely pleasing to see the excellent approach many pupils have already shown towards their revision, with pupils demonstrating a fantastic work ethic, a commitment to their studies, and a strong desire to achieve their very best.



### Pop Up: Local Elections

- As part of our wider curriculum provision this week, our Pop-Up Focus explored the recent local election results and the importance of citizenship within modern society.
- Through our Pop Up, we aimed to spark an interest in local and national politics while encouraging pupils to recognise the value and importance of our democratic right to vote. It was encouraging to see pupils demonstrating curiosity and respect as they explored our local elections and considered how active citizenship can positively shape society.





A reminder to use our house email addresses if you have any queries.

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Yours sincerely,

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