



Friday 12th June 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 strong focus and determination shown by our Year 10 and Year 12 pupils as they begin their end-of-year assessments. They have approached this important period with maturity and commitment, setting a very positive tone for the weeks ahead, and we wish them every success as they continue.

At the same time, we are now approaching the final stages of the GCSE examination season, with many exams coming to an end over the next few days. Our Year 11 pupils have conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout, demonstrating resilience, focus and maturity, and they have been a real credit to both the school and their families. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and look forward to welcoming them back into school shortly for their Sixth Form taster days.

### Prayer Theme

'And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.'

**Mark 10:1**

### We have prayed together as a community:

Dear Lord,

You called Your disciples and entrusted them with a mission to serve, to heal and to bring hope to others. Guide us to follow their example, using the gifts You have given us to support those in need and to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Help us to act with courage, kindness and compassion, and to use our words and actions to bring comfort, encouragement and peace. May Your Spirit strengthen us each day, so that we may live with purpose and reflect Your love in all that

we do.

Amen.



### End-of-Year Assessments

- Years 10 and 12 will begin their end-of-year assessment period on Monday. These assessments mark an important stage in their academic journey, providing pupils with the opportunity to demonstrate their learning and prepare for the demands of their GCSE and A Level examinations.
- As part of this process, Year 10 pupils will complete some of their assessments in formal exam venues, giving them valuable experience of the routines and expectations of a GCSE examination setting and helping to build confidence ahead of next year.
- These assessments remain a key part of our RAP process, enabling pupils to reflect on their progress, consolidate their knowledge and identify priorities for further improvement.
- We continue to be impressed by the positive approach many pupils are taking, particularly in their preparation, organisation and determination to succeed. We would encourage families to maintain their support during this time, helping pupils to establish effective revision habits and structured routines at home.

### Year 6 challenge morning

- We were delighted to welcome some of our Year 6 pupils to school this week for our Year 6 Challenge Morning. The event provided pupils with an excellent opportunity to experience life at the school, meet staff and fellow pupils, and become more familiar with their surroundings ahead of their forthcoming transition visit days. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement, and we look forward to welcoming them back soon.

### STM Personal Development Pop Up

- This week, our STM Pop Up focus has centred on water safety, in preparation for National Drowning Prevention Week.
- Pupils have explored the risks associated with open water, particularly during the warmer summer months, when young people may be more likely to visit rivers, lakes and the sea.
- We have emphasised the importance of making safe choices, understanding potential hazards and looking after one another to help ensure everyone stays safe.
- We would also encourage families to talk with their child about water safety and the risks involved, helping to reinforce these important messages at home.



**Refugee Week [15th - 21st June]**

- Next week is Refugee Week, a national celebration of the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. This will be the focus of next week’s Pop-Up, providing students with opportunities to learn more about refugee experiences and the importance of inclusion and community. There are also a wide range of events taking place across the local authority throughout the week, and we encourage families to explore these opportunities to get involved. Please see the information below on the opportunities available.
  - [Family Fun Day](#)
  - [Refugee Week Guide](#)
  - [Refugee Week Events](#)

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

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Yours sincerely,

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