

### Weekly News – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE:** We hope you all had a good festive break over the Christmas and New Year period. It is good to be back. Year 13 students will be receiving their mock results shortly and their UCAS deadline is fast approaching (14 January). It is great to see that so many have applied already and, in most cases, have received offers or have been to interviews - particularly our two Cambridge applicants. This is an important term to Easter of learning to support progress from exams and with all other year groups shortly to enter their assessments across all subjects. To support students it would be appreciated if parents can check that students have all their equipment (list [here](#)), laptops are charged, that they have a timetable up in their room to support organisation and that they have a quiet place to work. The LRC is open after school to 4.30pm each day to support quiet study when needed. Have a great weekend.

**WEEKLY DIARY** - Please click [here](#) for the diary for the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS** After school and lunchtime clubs for this half term are available to book now on [SchoolCloud](#). If your child is unable to attend a session you have booked, please cancel it to allow others to attend. Many of our clubs are oversubscribed, so we will need to remove students that do not attend for 2 consecutive occasions without explanation, to make space for others.

**YEAR 11 – PARENTS' EVENING** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January from 4.30-7pm. Parents can make 5 appointments per student, but **you extra appointments will be available to book from 7am on 13<sup>th</sup> January if there is availability**. Bookings can be made on [SchoolCloud](#).

**YEAR 11 INTERVENTIONS** We have a broad offer of after school interventions in place which can be booked on [SchoolCloud](#). As we have limited space in the classrooms, we ask that you do please book a place and ask that students do not turn up ad hoc. The timetable is as follows:

Monday: Science, Sociology, Badminton, PE coursework  
Tuesday: Business, DT, Table tennis  
Wednesday: Maths (higher), Maths (foundation), Biology  
Thursday: English, Music  
Friday: Geography, History

**YEAR 13 PARENTS' EVENING** will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 4.30 - 7pm **in person, at school**. Appointments will be available to book on [SchoolCloud](#) from 6.30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**JANUARY IS WELLBEING MONTH IN THE LRC** Start the New Year by focusing on your mental health and wellbeing. We're excited to share resources and activities to help you relax, recharge and feel your best. **Discover our Wellness Collection on ePlatform** Did you know students have access to thousands of eBooks and audiobooks? We also have a curated collection designed to support your wellbeing. From mindfulness guides and self-care tips to inspiring fiction and calming reads, there's something for everyone. Student can log in with their school email credentials. Browse, borrow, and enjoy -it's that simple!

**SNOW PROCEDURES** With the recent spell of cold weather it is worth highlighting our procedure in the event of a school closure. Parents should check the front page of the website for an update which will appear by 7am if we need to alter our standard procedure for the day. Parents will also

receive an email if school is not open as usual. Please do not phone the school as we may be on reduced staff. Remote learning will be set for students in the event of a school closure, so students should check Teams and their emails for instructions should this occur.

***Footwear when icy*** When it is icy on the pavements, students are permitted to wear alternative footwear for their journeys to and from school, but they must change into appropriate school shoes upon arrival or they will be sanctioned.