

10th October 2025

Dear Families

This week has been full of varied events. On Tuesday, Year 12 & 13 students went to the Excel Centre in London for a UCAS 'Creating your future' event. Our Belonging & Cohesion Team visited St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary school and St Bernadette's on Tuesday. On Monday evening there was a meeting for Parents to launch our Duke of Edinburgh programme. Governors also met for their Curriculum and Teaching meeting. On Tuesday, Year 10 took part in a 'Broadening Horizons' careers event and on Thursday, Year 9 had a STEM X event with Red Bull Racing. Also on Thursday our Year 12 A Level Mathematicians took part in the Senior UKMT Mathematics Challenge. This is organised to develop and extend the mathematical approach of students and is designed to challenge their thinking from numerous perspectives. We would like to take this opportunity to praise those who took part for their excellent efforts and look forward to getting the results!

We also recently celebrated our first entry into the Maths Competition for Girls, a challenge designed to challenge pupils on extended mathematical problems. Well done to Esther, Eliza, Liliana and Chelsy Year 11 for their excellent efforts. Congratulations to Chelsy who also received a merit award for her solutions.

Thursday evening was our Year 7 Open Evening. This was a wonderful evening, and staff and students really showcased our school well. Today some of our pupils and staff went to Dunstable to the Diocesan Schools' Mass. This is always a lovely opportunity for schools across the Diocese to get together to celebrate Catholic education.

In this week's fixtures our Under 17 basketball team lost to Shenley Brook End 18 – 87 and our Year 10 basketball team won by 42 – 11 against Webber Independent School. The Year 9 boys' football team won 2 – 1 against Denbigh. Well done to all those who represented the school.

I can't quite believe that we only have two weeks left until half term! Next week some of our Sixth Form are off on retreat to Kintbury on Monday. Year 8 students have the opportunity to take part in Careers Workouts on Tuesday and Wednesday and Year 9 are taking part in a STEM event with Redbull Racing on Thursday. Also on Wednesday we have flu vaccinations for Years 10 and 11. On Thursday evening we have our first mentoring evening of the year for Years 8 to 11. These are virtual appointments with face to face ones taking place on Thursday 23rd October. Please remember to sign up for an appointment on School Cloud. On Friday our Year 12 Student Leaders have a retreat for the day. I

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am very grateful to all our Student Leaders. They really live out the mission of our school. Friday is our penultimate school tour for prospective Year 7 students and parents.

On Wednesday 15th October we celebrate the feast day of St Teresa of Avila, one of our tutor group saints. Parents of children in Teresa Form Groups have been sent letters inviting their children to come in school that day in their own clothes. This is only for those children in Teresa Form Groups. Each tutor group will have this opportunity on their tutor group saint's feast day.

All parents will have received a letter from me outlining the process for electing a new Parent Governor. The deadline is 9am on Friday 24th October. Please do consider serving our community as a Governor.

Next week the whole school will be having a refocus on meeting uniform expectations and ensuring all equipment is on desks so that children are ready to learn. Please support us by ensuring that your child leaves the house in the morning with their blazer and that they have a ruler so that they can underline titles and draw diagrams neatly.

The Mathematics Department would like to let parents and guardians know that all pupils studying Maths have access to Missed it or Revisit documents on their SharePoint accounts. These detail the work being covered in each lesson and enable pupils to review content for any lessons they may have missed and to revisit topics as needed.

A reminder that pupils must carry and show their All in 1 Card to be eligible for reduced bus fares. Information can be found on our website [here](#). If your child travels on public transport they are representatives of the school. Please remind your child that it is expected they demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour at all times.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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