



AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 05

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving! **Thank you for the trust, encouragement, and support you show our school – we truly appreciate it.**

It was great to see and read so many messages exchanged between members of our school community.

With Christmas fast approaching, the school is beginning to feel magical. Our tree is up, the lights are twinkling, and we're excited to share the festive season with our whole school community.

Christmas Gifts

Many parents have asked whether they can contribute towards a staff Christmas event. The teaching team would be very grateful for any donations. If you wish to donate, please send your contribution in an envelope to Emma M, our Finance Officer, who will be coordinating the event.

Children's Cross Regional Arrangements Group (CCRAG)

We will be having a CCRAG visit on 10th December. A CCRAG visit is a routine check by local authorities to make sure specialist schools are safe, well-run, and meeting high standards of care and education.

Last day of term

A reminder that we finish at **1.15pm on Friday 12th December**, if your child goes home in a taxi, please rearrange accordingly.

Parent Meetings

Online parent meetings will take place as follows:

Thursday 5th February – Year 11

Wednesday 11th February – Years 8 and 9

Thursday 12th February – Middle School, Year 10, and Year 12+

Adam

ACTING HEADTEACHER

&

Alison

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

WISH LIST

Thank you so much for those of you have made purchases off of our Amazon wish list, it's been a very exciting week receiving the goodies!

If you'd like to contribute, you can purchase an item from the Amazon list –big or small– and make a direct difference in our classrooms. Every donation helps enhance learning and is deeply appreciated by our staff and students.

Thank you for your continued support!

[WISH LIST](#)



BAKE SALE

Sixth Form students will be holding a bake sale on **Monday 1st December** to raise money for Sixth Form, please allow students to bring in some change if they wish to purchase.

CHRISTMAS EVENT

It's almost time for our **Christmas Fair and Christmas Jumper Day - on Wednesday 10th December.**

Students are invited to wear their **Christmas jumpers** in exchange for a small donation, which will go to the national Christmas Jumper Day charity – **Save the Children.**

Lunchtime will be adjusted to 12.15pm – 12.45pm We will inform the children of this change in advance. Normal lessons will run until 12.15pm, after which the Fair activities will begin.

12.15pm - 12.45pm: Lunch

12.45pm - 1.45pm: Music

1.45pm - 2.45pm: Fayre

2.45pm - 3.00pm: Clear up and form time

At lunchtime, we'll be selling hot dogs for £1 and pizzas slices for 50p each.

Stalls:

- Cakes and cuddly toy
- Phone charms and bracelets
- Jewellery
- Christmas decorations
- Candy floss and hot chocolate
- Fudge
- Sweet Mix-ups
- Candles
- Crochet items
- Cakes
- Guess the number of sweets
- Games – lollipop game, car game, Jenga, hoopla, sweet pong

All of the stalls will be **priced from 50p upwards, please can students bring in change.**

All money raised from the Fair will go directly back into the students' key stage departments to support activities and resources.

We would be very grateful for your **support with tombola prizes, if you are able to donate,** please send items to Reception.

Students have been hard at work, spending their lunch and break times creating beautiful items such as bracelets, key-rings and phone charms to sell in stalls at the fair.



We're really looking forward to another wonderful Christmas Fair and can't wait for our students to enjoy the celebrations.

KEY STAGE LEAD UPDATES

Tap or click on the below:

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KS2 UPDATE

Whilst the nights are getting darker, our students remain full of positivity and focused on their learning.

Last week in outdoor learning the children cooked boiled eggs on the camp fire, along with boiling water for hot chocolate. They also enjoyed chalking around a partner's shadow to learn about how low the sun was in the sky.

Megan's Class

Students have been continuing to learn about Britain at War and what life was like in the trenches. This week they are beginning to learn about the weapons used in WW1.

Lucy's Class

Students have been reviewing the natural dyes they created and learning about how these were used for Viking clothing. They have also been designing and making some amazing Viking shields.

Clare's Class

Students have been learning about the story of Queen Boudicca and creating props to use for freeze frames. In Science they have been continuing their work on classification and categorising vertebrates and invertebrates in to sub categories. Thank you to everyone who has been contributing items for our upcoming Christmas Fair.



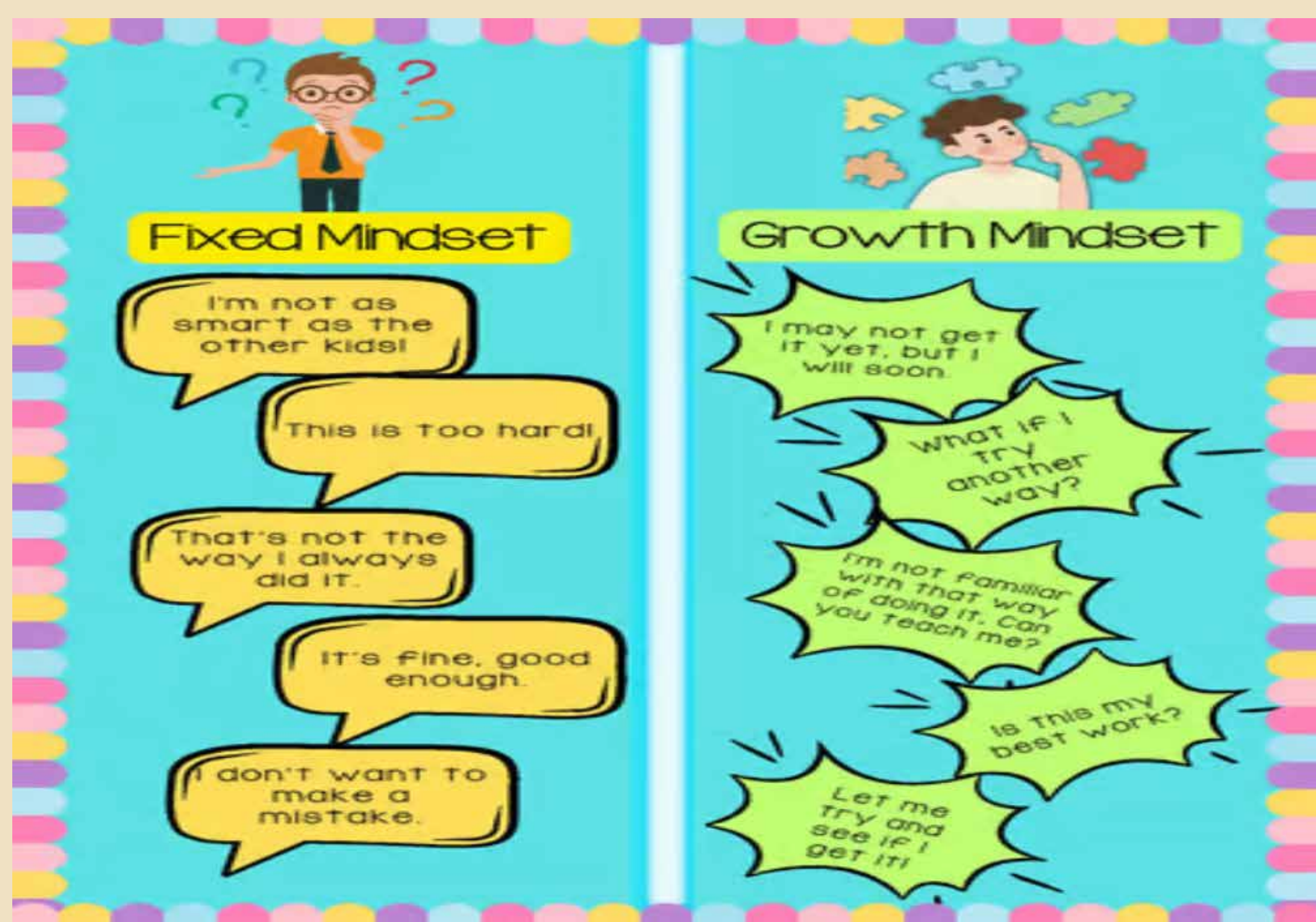
Clare

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KS3 UPDATE

Last week it was year 8's turn to enjoy an assembly about having a growth mindset. Here's a little poster to encourage us.



Jamie and Zachary have been working really hard this term to complete work on their grade 1 drum exams and should be ready to submit their entries before Christmas.

We want to thank Mark Y for his inspiration and dedication to teaching the drums.

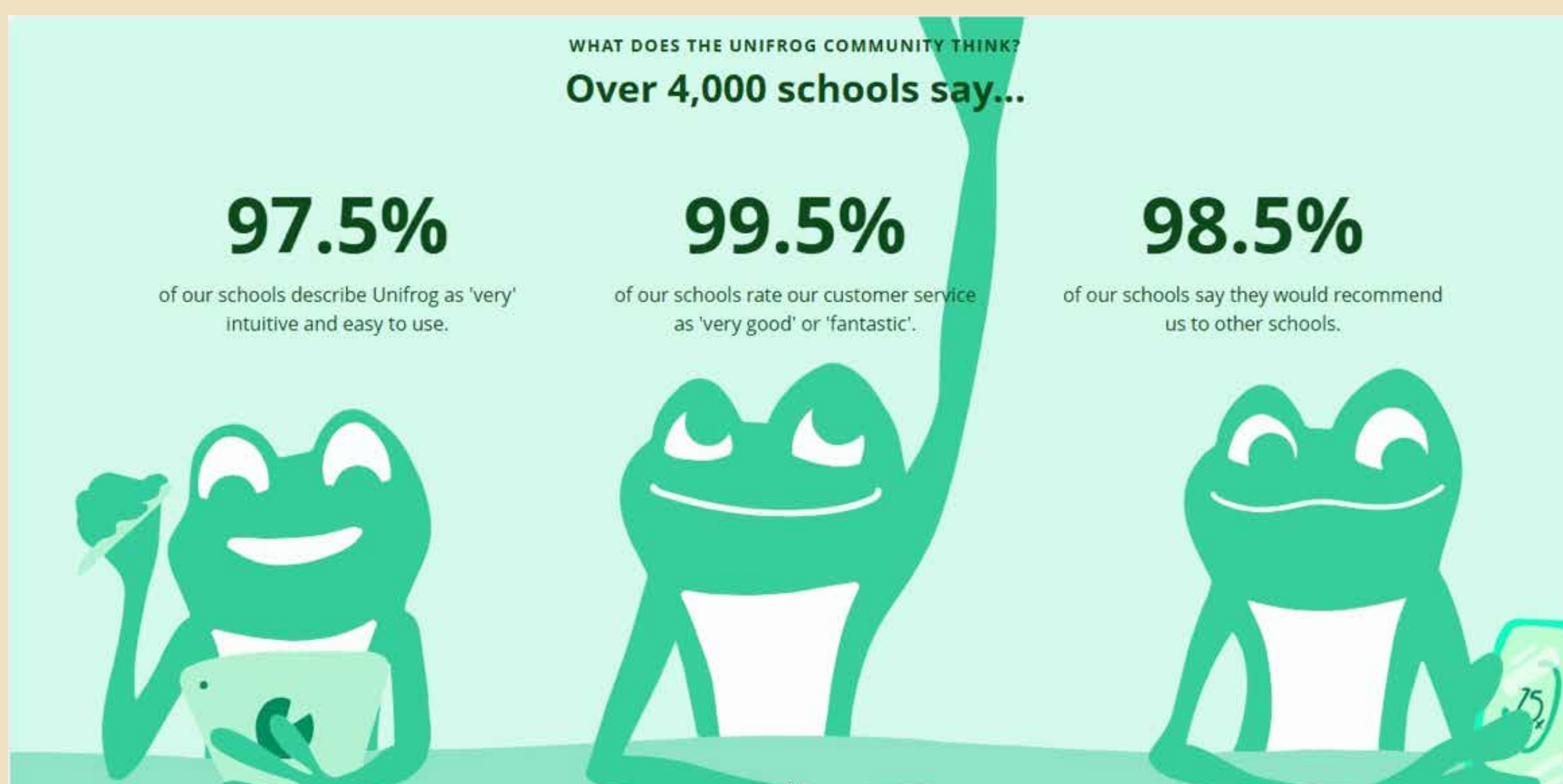


Y8s and Y9s are starting to **access the unifrog platform to discover what qualifications, places of study and career choices are possible.**

The unifrog journey begins with fun quizzes, all about your likes and dislikes, the environment in which you thrive, and the qualities you already have. From this starting point you can find out what lifestyle and workplace might suit you. There are short videos to watch and lots of links to explore. KS3 Students who use unifrog for the first time just need to search for unifrog login, then type in their school email address, and send a reset password request by clicking on the reset password/ resend welcome email text. You will receive an instant email with a link to set up your new password.

Why not try it at home?

<https://www.unifrog.org>



Alan

KEY STAGE 3 LEAD
& ART TEACHER

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KS4 UPDATE

Science Revision Club

The Science Department is running a Revision Club for Year 11 students who will be sitting their mock exams after Christmas. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

Creative Talent in Action

A big well done to Elliot, Joshua and Oli, who have been using their own Monday break time to develop their band project. It's wonderful to see such initiative and teamwork.

Engaging with Current Affairs

During my morning visits to Tutor Groups, I've been hearing some fantastic conversations about current events. It is so important for our young people to understand the world around them, and these discussions are a great sign of their growing awareness.

We are especially proud of Joey, who has taken the lead in his tutor group. His ability to spark lively, meaningful debate inspires his peers and helps create a vibrant learning environment.

Outstanding Effort in English

In English, Hannah, Ilaria, George and Lukas have shown real dedication by purchasing their own copies of *Of Mice and Men* to annotate.

This will be incredibly helpful when they begin revising for their Year 11 Literature exam.

Meanwhile, the Year 11 students in Kelly's English class—Lauren, Amelie, Joshua and Elliot—have been exceptional in their study of *Macbeth* this term. They have shown great passion while also ensuring they stay on top of the Poetry Anthology in preparation for their January mocks. Their work ethic and attitude to learning have been outstanding.

Punctuality Spotlight

We'd like to celebrate Jack for his excellent punctuality. He consistently arrives on time for both his science lessons and tutor time, setting a great example for others.

Excellent Work in PSHE

I have been very pleased with the high-quality work I have seen in PSHE lessons.

Well done to everyone involved.

A Reminder About Punctuality

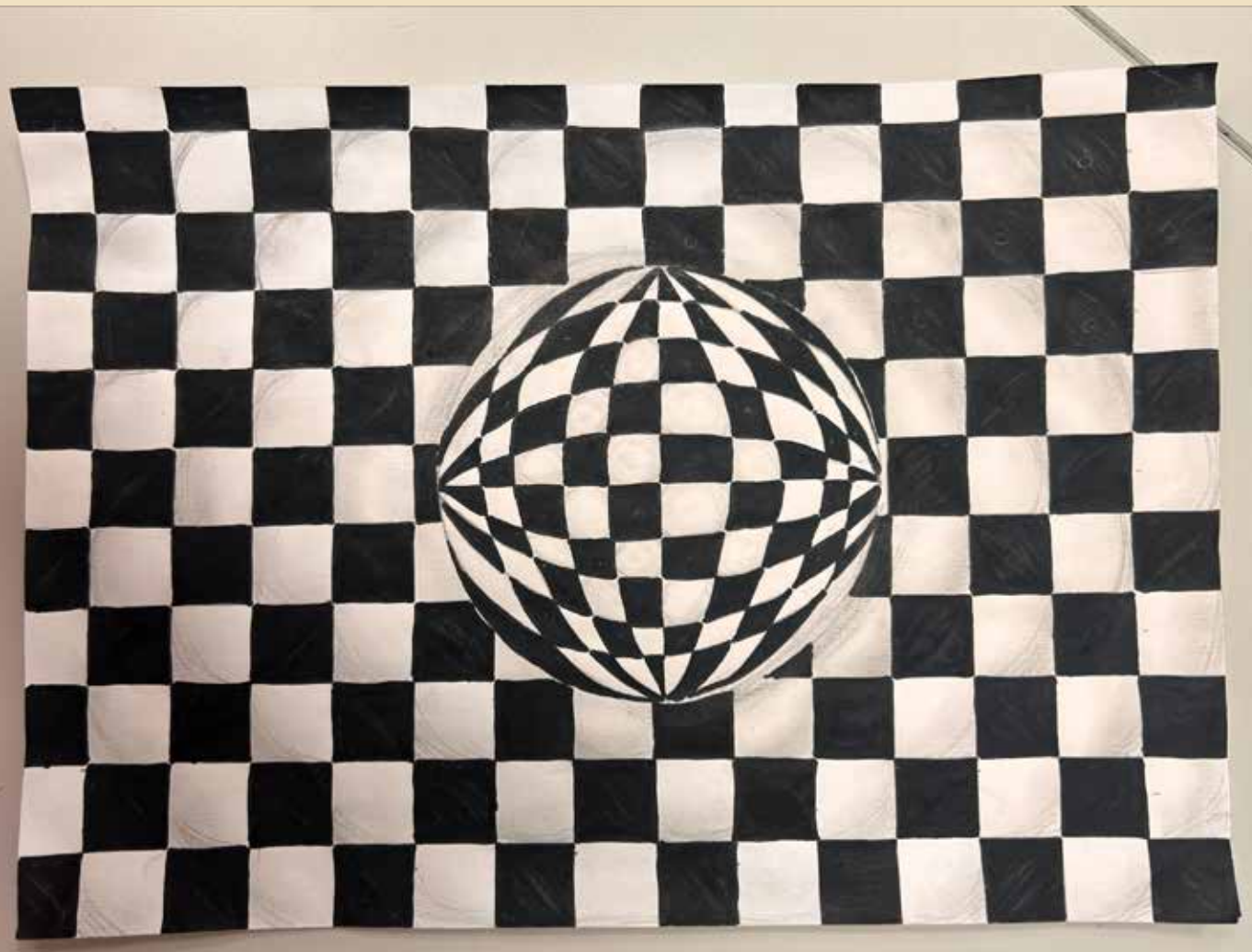
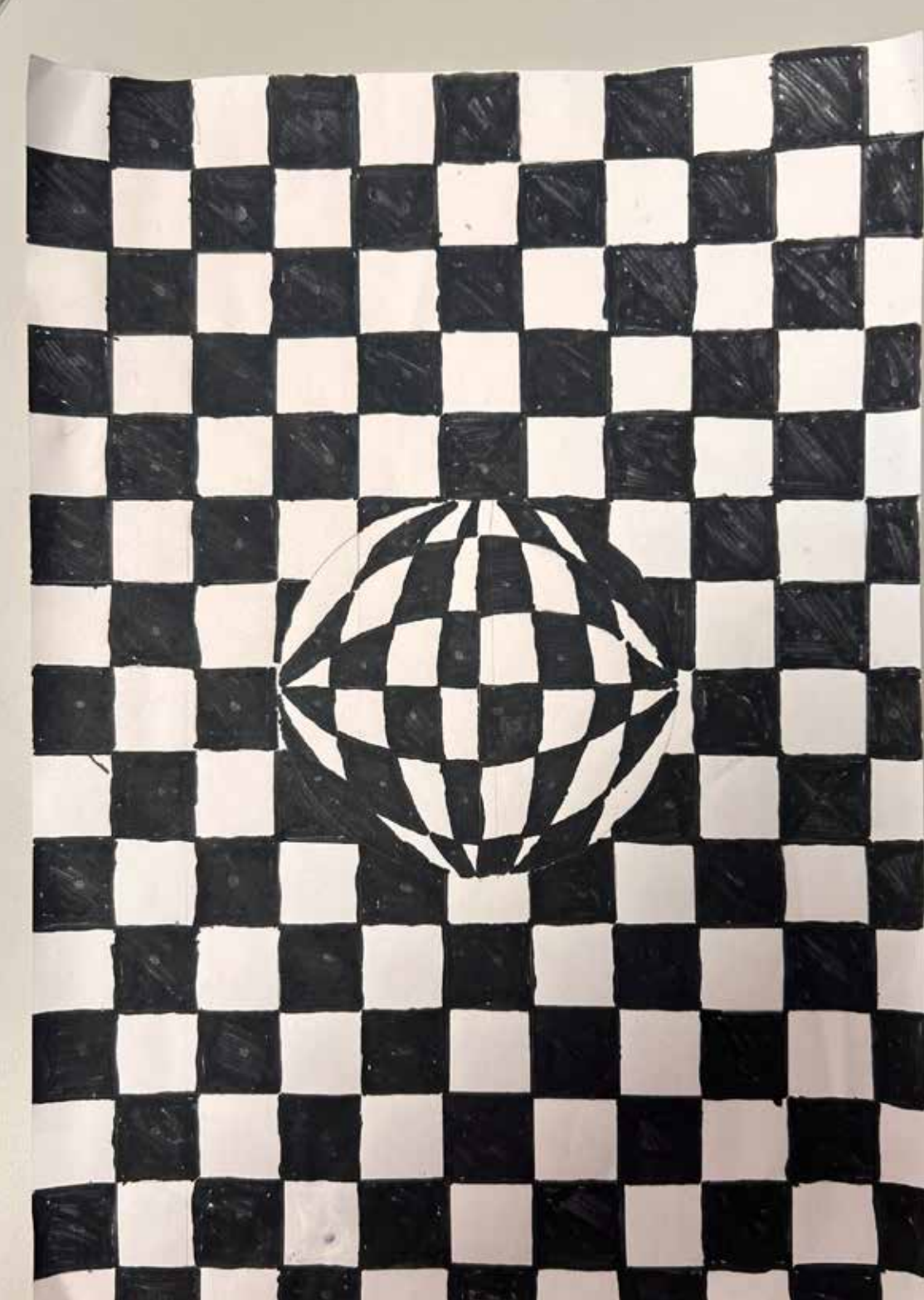
Please remind your children how important it is to arrive on time to every lesson. A few minutes missed here and there soon adds up to significant lost learning time.

Behaviour and Well-being

Behaviour across the school is generally very good. We do see moments of youthful exuberance—particularly from some of the boys—who sometimes underestimate their own strength. We continue to support them in developing self-awareness and positive behaviour.

Christmas Fair Donations

We are in need of lollies, sweets and fidget toys for our Christmas Fair stall. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



Optical Illusions
by Lauren W,
Mya and Lukas R.



Pete

KEY STAGE 4 LEAD

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KS5 UPDATE

In the last two assemblies, students have explored independent skills, which we aim to promote as a school-wide initiative to support the holistic development of our young people. We also discussed anxiety and the influence of positive and negative chatter, along with how to gain control over it.

University Open Days

Students planning to apply to universities for a September 2027 start are encouraged to register for the open days, as registration is now opening.

Early registration enables students to visit early, helping them make an informed choice and allowing enough time before applying if additional visits are needed. Some universities are also offering a taster week for Year 12 students who meet certain criteria. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience university life, especially those exploring their options at this stage. One example is Surrey University (kindly shared by a sixth-form parent): <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/schools-colleges/sixth-form-colleges/residential-summer-schools>

Mocks

As mocks are scheduled for some of our students in January, students must utilise their valuable time effectively to make progress. With proper study habits, students can establish a strong foundation for assessments. We ask parents to support this at home over the holiday period.

Mock timetables have also been shared with parents.

Bake Sale

Just a reminder about the bake sale organised by our sixth form students on 1st December in Upper School. All students are welcome to enjoy the treats on offer.

Christmas Fair

For the Christmas Fair, students plan to sell hot chocolate and candy floss. We would also appreciate any donations for the tombola.

Courtyard

Some of our students have been using the Life after Woodstock House lessons to tidy up the sixth-form outside area, aiming to make it a welcoming social space for the spring and summer terms. They would be grateful for any donations of unwanted garden items, such as furniture, pots, plants, outdoor paint, and gardening tools. The students would appreciate any contributions for this purpose.

Uniform

While Sixth Form students are not obliged to wear a uniform, they must follow the smart casual dress code, which prohibits denim, especially ripped denim. We politely ask parents to help uphold this rule when students are considering wearing such items to school.



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AUTUMN TERM

Wed 10th Dec – Christmas Fair & Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 12th Dec– Reports sent out to parents,
school finishes at **1.15pm**

SPRING TERM

Mon 5th Jan - Inset day for staff training

Tues 6th Jan - Spring Term 1 starts

6-16th Jan– GCSE and A level mocks

Thurs 5th Feb – Year 11 Parents Evening

Wed 11th Feb – Keys Stage 3 Parents Evening

Thurs 12th Feb - Parents Evening for Middle School,
Key Stage 4 and 5

Fri 13th Feb - Break up for half term

Mon 23rd Feb - Spring Term 2 starts

Wed 4th March – Year 9 Options Evening

Thurs 5th March – World Book Day – details to follow
(dressing up optional)

Thurs 19th March - Whole School Coffee Afternoon – with
Assistant Headteachers and Key Stage Leads

Fri 27th March– Last day of term

SUMMER TERM

Mon 13th April - Summer Term 1 starts

Thurs 23rd April – Parents Evening for Exam Students only

Fri 22nd May - Break up for half term

Mon 1st June - Summer Term 2 starts

Thurs 25th June – Sports Day

Fri 26th June – Graduation Event

Fri 3rd July – Reports sent out to parents

Fri 10th July - Last day of Term

Thurs 13th August – A Level Results

Thurs 20th August – GCSE and BTEC Results

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