

Archbishop Temple Church of England High School

1 Corinthians 1:18-31:

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Message from Mr Catlow

I would like to take this opportunity to gently remind families about the importance of pupils arriving at school on time.

I fully appreciate that the congestion on St Vincent’s Road can cause delays and that buses are not always as punctual as we would all hope. However, when I am at the front of school in the mornings, I am increasingly noticing a number of pupils who walk to school arriving just on time or slightly late.

Our morning routines — including Collective Act of Worship, assemblies and Temple Time — are an important and valued part of our school day, and these are disrupted when pupils arrive late.

I would therefore politely ask for your support in ensuring that children set off for school in good time, so they can arrive calmly and be fully ready for the start of the day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Headteacher’s Pupils of The Week

James R	9G
Sam B	9H
Henry F	9T

For setting up the ‘Carbon Vortex Racing Team’ who are now ready for sponsorship



Weekly Notices

Empire Fighting Chance

Two of our year 8 pupils have **successfully** completed the “Box Champions” programme in school. In conjunction with the Empire Fighting Chance initiative the pupils have participated in a series of boxing sessions which each had a different focus. Themes such as control, tempo, ‘flow’ and simplifying ran throughout the sessions; aspects that not only apply to boxing but also to everyday and school life. The practical application of these themes in school was a constant focus.

One of the pupils, Vinnie, stated, *“I really enjoyed the boxing - it was some of the best things I've done in this school. After I've done it and looked back at it, I've seen how much my in-class behaviour has improved and so has managing my anger. Lessons are like boxing because you always have to think about things, look at if you're going too fast or are not in control. It's a fun way of seeing class/school in a ‘boxing’ way.”*



Year 9 PE lessons

In PE lessons this term, our Year 9 girls have been working incredibly hard in the school gym. They've been learning how to use a range of equipment and weights safely and effectively to build their fitness and strengthen their bodies, helping to reduce the risk of injury.

Their effort and determination have been fantastic to see — there have been plenty of red faces and proud smiles along the way. One of the standout challenges has been the six-minute rowing test, with Chloe F currently holding the Year 9 girls' record at an impressive 1,345 metres.

We're really proud of the commitment they're showing in their lessons and can't wait to see whether anyone manages to beat Chloe's distance as the term goes on.



William Temple Day

In November 2025, our whole school stepped off timetable for a special day of learning inspired by William Temple and the idea that we all grow stronger when we have deep, healthy roots. As part of the day, every pupil and member of staff headed outdoors to plant their own bulb — a small symbol of growth, resilience, and the potential within each of us.

We're delighted to share that those bulbs are now beginning to push through the soil as spring approaches. It's been wonderful to see the first shoots appearing, and we hope the children enjoy watching their plants continue to grow over the coming weeks.





La Fête des Rois

The MFL department was delighted to celebrate *La Fête des Rois* — the traditional “return of the kings.” Pupils enjoyed tasting the famous *galette des rois* and taking part in the fun that comes with this French celebration. It was a lovely way to bring language and culture to life.

Year 11 Parents Evening

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended last night. Please complete the Year 11 parent survey, I will send the link via Synergy so you can complete it over the weekend.

Mathematics

Mathematics Pupil of the Week

Y7
Emily D-W - Excellent effort (NRO)

Y8
Mazha B-S - for great attitude and effort (JRA)

Y9
Ben H -great effort in class and with homework this week (NST)

Y10
Lucasz P - completing extra questions on the topic of the mean from grouped data. (SOL)

Y11
Anza R - for consistent good effort and hard work (JAL)

The Mathematics Paper Society - Year 11 Girls only



Come and complete a Mathematics GCSE paper, in a quiet and relaxing environment.

Every Monday
lunchtime from
1:05pm- 1:35pm in
room 23

English



Weekly English awards

Archbishop Temple



Year 7 Award

Name: Brent O
Reason: Brilliant and focused work every lesson, settled in well (GBE)

Year 8 Award

Name: Maisie S
Reason: great contributions to class discussion about gender inequality. (BMU)

Year 9 Award

Name: Jenny M
Reason: For excellent attitude during term 2 lessons (PBA)

Year 10 Award

Name: Mya BH
Reason: fantastic reading as the Inspector in lessons! (GBE)

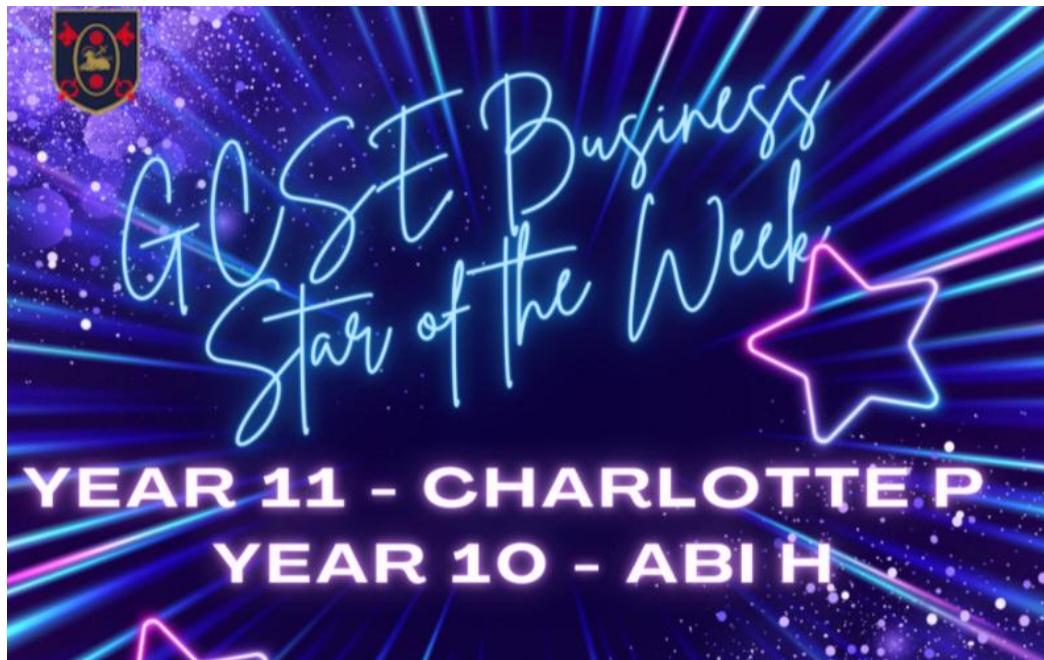
Year 11 Award

Name: Cleone
Reason: for going above and beyond in preparing for her English Language exam (BMU)



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Business Studies



History



Careers Update

Careers - Next Week:

- Year 10 one-to-one careers appointments are currently being scheduled. Pupils will receive notifications regarding the date and time of their individual careers meeting.

Forthcoming Careers Events:

Get Ready for Our annual Careers Fair! - Thursday, 5th March, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Are you in Year 11, Year 10 or Year 9? Are you curious about what life after school could look like?

Don't miss our **Careers Fair on Thursday, 5th March, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm in the Sports Hall!**

This is your chance to meet employers, colleges, and training providers all in one place.

They will be ready to chat about exciting opportunities, what they look for in young people, and how you can start planning your future today.

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- How AI affects subject choices, university decisions and career planning
- Live Q&A

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Attendance Matters

Friday

January 23rd 2026

Issue #07



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS



PUNCTUAL

- Arrive at school on time
- Arrive to lessons on time
- Aim for 100% attendance

Daily lateness equates to...

3

5 minutes late = 15 hours of learning lost
3 days of learning lost

6

10 minutes late = 30 hours of learning lost
6 days of learning lost

10

15 minutes late = 50 hours of learning lost
10 days of learning lost

100%

Excellent attendance!
Our aim for all students.

6 DAYS ABSENCE

30 hours of learning lost.
On the right path - keep it up!

10 DAYS ABSENCE

50 hours of learning lost.
Poor attendance gives you less chance of success.

19 DAYS ABSENCE

95 hours of learning lost.
Poor attendance gives you less chance of success.

100%

97%

95%

90%

One day off means five missed lessons. Just one day off every few weeks would add up to over 50 missed lessons in a year!



All Day, Every Day

Top Attendance Forms By Year

Year 7: 7L - 96.5%

Year 8: 8P - 93.3%

Year 9: 9L/9T - 93.7%

Year 10: 10T - 94.0%

Year 11: 11I - 95.4%

We still have a variety of coughs and colds going around at this time of year, but it's important not to keep children off school unnecessarily. NHS advice states if your child does not have a temperature, they should continue to attend school. In most cases they will tend to feel better as the day goes on. We will always contact you if we think a child is too unwell to be in school.

Absences:

Absences can now be reported using Synergy. If you look on Synergy there should be an option to create new message in the Inbox section of the app.

Medical Appointments:

- Whenever possible, schedule appointments outside of school time
- Avoid making appointments between 8:20am - 9:20am, or 12pm - 1pm
- For any appointments during school time, please provide evidence such as an appointment confirmation

Requesting a Leave of Absence:

- Any request for absence should be submitted at least two weeks in advance
- Complete a leave of absence request form, available on our website or from Reception in school, and email it to attendance@archbishoptemple.com or hand in the form to Reception.

Absences for holidays can not be authorised and may incur penalty notices from the Local Authority



Half way through the term already, and another solid performance across the board this week. Year 7 still lead the way, so well done to them, but it's all to play for, so keep trying to get into school every day!

Light points are awarded every week to those with 100% attendance for that week, so that's some easy points to pick up just for being here.

If you have any attendance related concerns please get in touch, we are always here to help in any way we can!

Attendance Ladder



Important Dates for your Diary

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Parent's Evenings

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
12 th March	15 th January	4 th December	26 th February	22 nd January

