



# Archbishop Temple Church of England High School

**Luke 24:44-53** <sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

### The Ascension of Jesus

<sup>50</sup> When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

## Message from Mr Catlow

At Archbishop Temple Church of England High School, I have spoken previously about the growing national movement towards a “smartphone free childhood” and the increasing concern around the impact smartphones and social media can have on young people’s learning, wellbeing, relationships and safety. The work of [Smartphone Free Childhood UK](#) has helped bring together schools and families across the country to support healthier approaches to childhood, screen use and online safety. Their website also contains a range of helpful guidance and support for parents navigating these challenges.

Recent Government guidance, which has now been strengthened and made statutory for schools, reflects many of the concerns that parents and educators have been raising for some time. As a school, we have already taken decisive action through our clear and consistent mobile phone policy. Our approach is straightforward: all mobile phones are handed in during morning registration and returned to pupils during afternoon registration. This ensures that the school day remains focused on learning, relationships and personal development without the distractions and issues that mobile phones can often create.

I would like to remind parents and carers that if a pupil is found in possession of a mobile phone during the school day, this will result in a suspension. Pupils are fully aware of this expectation and it is applied consistently across the school. I appreciate the strong support many parents and carers have shown for this approach. By working together as school and families, we can help young people experience the benefits of reduced phone use during the school day — improved concentration, healthier social interaction, stronger wellbeing and an environment where every child can flourish

## Headteacher’s Pupils of The Week

Isla M	Y9	
Eva W	Y10	For their excellence in School Athletics over the last half term
Joe P	Y10	

## Weekly News

### GCSE Art Trip

Year 10 GCSE Art students enjoyed visiting ArtLab (a contemporary printmaking studio) situated in the Young Creative Centre at the University of Lancashire last week to take part in a printmaking workshop. The workshop allowed students to build on their lino print knowledge learnt in school.



### Pupil Council

The Pupil Council has been working hard this term to support the review of our whole school behaviour policy. As part of this important process, council members wanted to ensure that every pupil has the opportunity to share their views and help shape a policy that reflects the values of our school community. To achieve this, the Pupil Council created a survey for all pupils, giving everyone a voice in discussing what positive behaviour, respect, and support should look like in our school. The feedback gathered will help staff and student leaders work together to develop a policy that is fair, supportive, and encourages everyone to succeed.

In addition, members of the Pupil Council have been leading sessions in KS3 form groups. During these sessions, they have been helping pupils to better understand our current behaviour policy and listening carefully to ideas and suggestions from their peers.

The council is committed to ensuring that our behaviour policy reflects our school motto of *Faith, Nurture and Service*. They believe the policy should not only promote high standards and positive relationships, but also create opportunities for every pupil to “shine their light” through kindness, responsibility, leadership, and respect for others.

We are incredibly proud of the leadership, dedication, and teamwork shown by the Pupil Council throughout this process and look forward to sharing the outcomes of the review with the whole school community.

### Empire Fighting Chance



Four year 9 pupils have successfully completed the “Box Champions” programme in school. This programme is part of the Empire Fighting Chance initiative that runs nationwide with a view to helping young people navigate their younger years. The pupils have participated in a series of boxing sessions with themes such as control, tempo, ‘flow’ and simplifying; 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. The energy and enthusiasm of the pupils was a credit to them.

One of the pupils, Michael, stated, “I enjoyed the Empire boxing - it really helped me. I like how it helped with my emotions and made me more lively and fitter. It is something that really helps people who can’t control their emotions and it helps improve communication and gain trust with partners.”

## Athletics

As we come to the end of teaching athletics this half term, it has been fantastic to see so many students achieve personal bests.

There have been amazing performances across all events, none more impressive than Isla M Year 9, whose 1500m time of 5.22 broke a school record that had stood since **1984!**



This year has also seen as two other records fall in the Year 10 800m:

- Eva W recorded a time of 2:28, beating the previous record of 2:34 set in 2007.
- Joe P also narrowly broke the boys’ record with a time of 2:12, beating the previous record of 2:13 by just one second.

A brilliant achievement from all involved!

## Blackpool Zoo trip

If your child is in Year 8 and you haven't already expressed interest for the Blackpool Zoo trip in July, please complete the following Form <https://forms.office.com/e/UpKptv10Yx>



# Attendance Matters

Friday

May 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

Issue #17

**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.

## All Day, Every Day

### Top Attendance Forms By Year

- Year 7: 7L - 96.1%**
- Year 8: 8P - 92.2%**
- Year 9: 9L - 94.3%**
- Year 10: 10T - 94.5%**
- Year 11: 11I/11H - 94.2%**



GCSE's are well under way, hopefully you are hearing positive things from students involved. The majority of feedback in school has been very encouraging. Keep up the hard work!

Year 11 attendance has been fantastic, remember that all Year 11s are expected to be in school every day until the end of the exam period. The prestigious prom awaits for all those who qualify!

Attendance is everyone's responsibility — from leadership and pastoral care, to tutors and support staff — with parents and pupils as essential partners. Rooted in Faith, strengthened through Nurture, and lived out in Service, we work together to ensure every child shines God's light by being present, engaged, and thriving in school.

**Attendance is a shared responsibility — no single individual has sole ownership:**

- Leadership provides strategy
- Attendance administration provides data and tracking
- Pastoral staff provide relational support and intervention
- Parents are partners
- Students are active participants

#### Absences:

Absences can 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, relevant evidence can also be attached.

#### 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

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!



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



## Free TikTok Tools Explainer For Parents – and what our new research says about online safety tools



 parentzone

We've just published new research on parental controls and online safety tools – and the picture is mixed.

Since our last report, the number of tools across eight platforms has increased dramatically by 626 – rising from 121 in 2023 to 747 in 2026. On the face of it, that sounds like progress. In practice, 747 tools are an overwhelming proposition for any parent. The good news is in how those tools are delivered.

More are switched on by default, and the time needed to set them up has fallen. Platforms have responded to the Online Safety Act, and the experience of using these tools has improved. It's also worth noting a broader shift: many new tools are aimed at all users, not just children, giving everyone more control over their online experience. But improvements to tools haven't eased parental concern.

Three quarters of parents remain fairly or very worried about their child encountering age-inappropriate or sexual content. Among children aged 8-17, there has been only a 3% drop in those reporting they had seen something worrying or nasty online in the last 12 months.

That shouldn't surprise anyone. Three years ago we said that tools alone were never going to be enough – and this is the evidence. Effective media literacy education and safety by design have to sit alongside them. The tools are getting better. The wider system still has a long way to go. If you're already talking to families about screens and safety, sharing the right resource at the right moment can make a real difference and it doesn't have to take much.

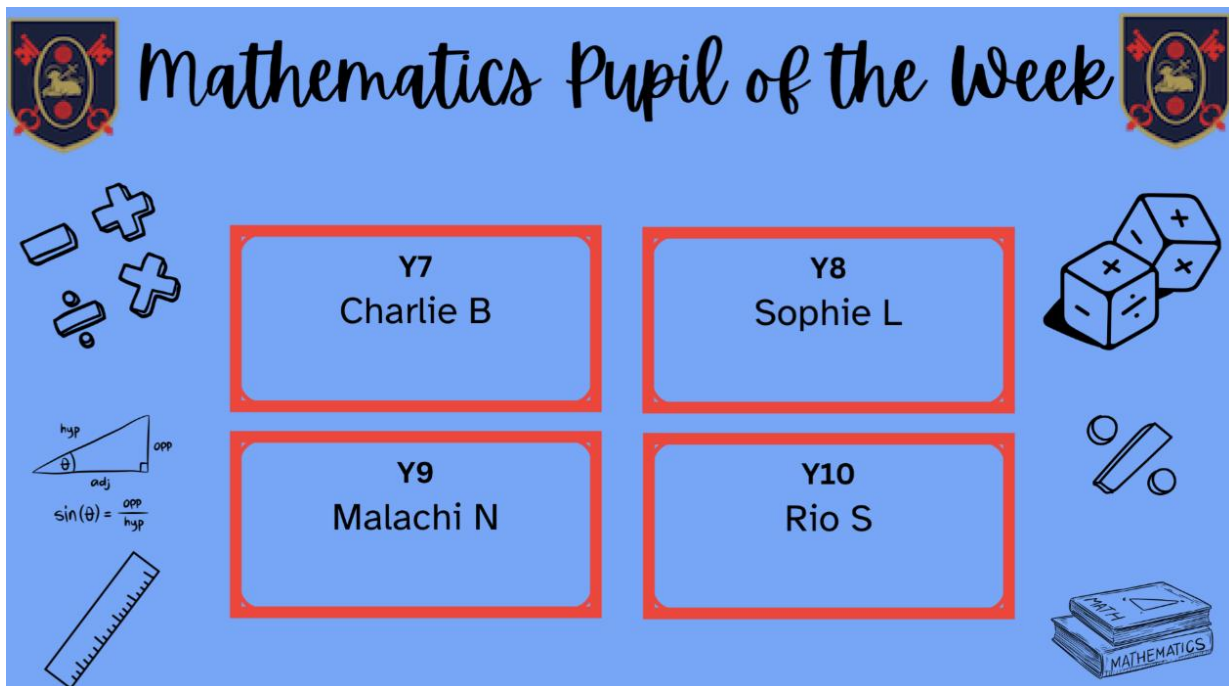
Something you can share with families right now.

This short, jargon-free video walks parents through setting up safety controls on TikTok – a platform parents tell us they find unfamiliar and worrying.

[See the TikTok Family Pairing video](#)

More videos like this are available to embed directly on your school or service website through Everyday Digital – so parents can access practical guidance through a source they already trust.

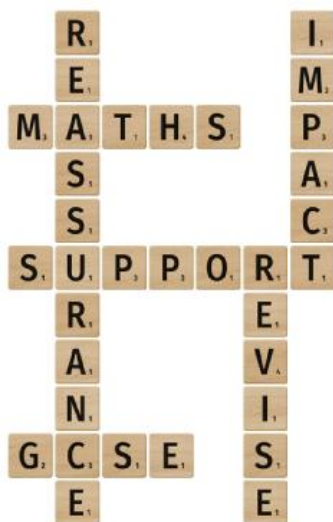
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GCSE MATHEMATICS PAPER 2

BREAKFAST REVISION SESSION

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 07:30-08:20 - You must bring a calculator



In preparation for the forthcoming Mathematics GCSE Paper 2 (**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June @09:00**), the Mathematics department are running a **breakfast revision session**, in the Maths block, from 7:30am (open to any pupil who wishes to attend).

Pupils can come anytime from **07:30 until 08:20** when they must to return to registration.

\*It will consist of lots of small quick-fire questions, which pupils can answer on worksheets provided, in order to boost their confidence and reassure them, that what they have learnt, is correct.

Regards  
Mr O'Leary  
Head of Mathematics

## English

*Weekly English awards*  
Archbishop Temple

**Year 7 Award**  
Name: Debroah T  
Reason: Lovely creative writing. Detailed with lots of amazing techniques. (GBE)

**Year 8 Award**  
Name: Kalista H  
Reason: Fantastic short story writing (SST)

**Year 9 Award**  
Name: James R  
Reason: 90%+ in all assessments this year - an amazing achievement! (SST)

**Year 10 Award**  
Name: Khushi P  
Reason: Fantastic essay writing on An Inspector Calls (SST)

**Year 11 Award**  
Name: Georgia K  
Reason: For fantastic work during exams season. (SST)

Celebrating progress, effort and excellence in English each week!

## MFL

Dear Parents and Carers of students attending the MFL Sevilla Trip in October 2026,

We are writing to inform you that, at the start of June, pupils will be asked to bring their passport into school so that the required passport information can be submitted to the travel company. This is a necessary requirement for online check-in procedures.

Passports will be collected via the Main Office and, once a colour copy has been taken, they will be returned to students within one week. Please remember that UK passports must have at least **3 months' validity remaining** after your planned return date

Please note that students who hold a **non-UK passport** may require a Schengen Visa in order to travel to Spain. Schengen Visas can be applied for through the Spanish Consulate in Manchester or London. It is extremely important that any required visa is obtained well in advance of the trip in October.

Failure to apply for and obtain the necessary visa may result in a pupil being unable to board the flight to Spain. For further information regarding Schengen Visa applications, please visit the Spanish Foreign Office website:

[Spanish Foreign Office – Schengen Visas](#)

In addition, all pupils will need to bring a valid GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card), which provides access to healthcare whilst abroad. Thank you for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,  
Mrs L Jimenez  
Head of MFL

We are pleased to inform you that two places have become available for the MFL Sevilla Trip taking place from 14th–18th October 2026.

During the trip, pupils will visit Sevilla, Córdoba and Ronda as part of an exciting language and cultural experience. The visit includes amazing sightseeing opportunities, cultural visits and the chance to enjoy typical Spanish food and traditions.

Pupils who attended the trip in 2025 had a truly memorable experience and benefited greatly from hearing and speaking the language first hand in authentic settings.

If your child is interested in taking part in this trip, please contact Mrs Jimenez before 1st June.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Jimenez



### Year 10 Spanish

As Year 10 start to prepare for their GCSE examinations, I would like to remind you that your son/ daughter must attend their weekly speaking appointment at lunchtime with me, to support them in the preparation for the speaking exam. The sessions run at lunch on Tuesday and Thursday. Each week, pupils are reminded to attend in class.

The GCSE speaking examination counts for 25% of the students' final grade and it will potentially be their first external exam in April 2027.

Participation is compulsory. These lunch time sessions are planned to support pupils' confidence in speaking in smaller groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.



The poster features a blue background with a gold roof-like border at the top and bottom. On the left is a circular logo with 'F A B S' and 'F A B S' around it, with 'F A B S' in the center. On the right is a shield-shaped crest with a red dragon and a gold cross. The text is centered and reads:

## Join our PTA!

Our PTA meets just once per half term and plays a vital role in school life.

They raise funds to support school clubs through a Dragons' Den-style pitching event, help fund and support key school events including Open Evening, Year 7 Transition Evening, Prom and Sports Presentation Evening, and organise popular community events such as the annual Bonfire Night.

With exciting plans underway for a Christmas Market, it's a great time to get involved.

New faces are always welcome!

If you are interested in joining our wonderful PTA or simply happy to give a little bit of time to help out at one of our events please scan the QR code.



## Important Dates for your Diary

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