

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025

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PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



• Year 7 Bushcraft Days



Last week, our Year 7 students participated in Bush Craft activities, where they were fortunate to spend 2 days in glorious sunshine out on the school field. It was a fantastic opportunity for the Year 7s to make new friends and to learn new skills. The day's activities consisted of learning how to navigate, forage, build and light fires safely and baking bread (with the added bonus of chocolate spread as a topping!). The instructors commented that all the students were exceptionally behaved, polite and asked lots of questions. Well done Year 7!"

• Art

Visits to the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery in Hanley and to the BCB exhibition at Spode have taken place for pupils taking part in a 'Clay Museum Study Programme' in partnership with the British Ceramics Biennial for this next academic year (2025-2026). Pupils will be working with different ceramic artists and the museum Education Team to engage with ceramics and to complete their Bronze Arts Award. Some of the sessions will take place during the school day and at a weekly afterschool club.



Important dates:

- Year 11 Photographs - Tuesday 7th October
- Year 9 London Trip -Wednesday 8th October to Friday 10th October (Limited numbers)
 - Tuesday 14th October - Ada Lovelace Day
- Wednesday 15th October - Year 7 Warwick Castle Trip (Limited numbers)
- Friday 17th October - Wear it Pink Day (Details to be sent out shortly)



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• Computing



Year 7 have settled in brilliantly and are beginning with e-safety and digital literacy - important skills that help them use technology confidently and responsibly. They'll be a whizz on the computer in no time!

Year 8 are exploring data modelling through spreadsheets, making quick work of mathematics using formulas and functions, while learning how to organise and analyse data effectively.

Year 9 are sinking their teeth into programming and algorithms, using Python to develop their coding skills and problem-solving abilities.

Year 10 Creative iMedia students have made an excellent start to their course, building skills and understanding for their visual identity and digital graphics coursework.

Year 10 Computer Science students have settled in well and are already programming independently - a fantastic step into the challenges of GCSE Computer science.

Year 11 are working hard at the start of their final year in iMedia and Computer Science, applying their skills and knowledge to prepare for their upcoming assessments.

• Sparx Reader Success!

Sparx Reader



We have made a great start to the year with Sparx Reader! **A fantastic 83% of all students completed their reading tasks last week.**

A special mention to **8DTO** as every student in this form group completed all of their reading!

Some students are also going above and beyond expectations, earning between 1000-2000 extra Sparx Reader Points, meaning they have read for 1-2 hours on top of their minimum expectations - they really do know how to 'Read to Succeed'!

Our Sparx Superstars this week are:

Reuben M	Year 7
Lily B	Year 7
Dan H	Year 7
Ruby K	Year 7
Nadia C	Year 7
Rhiannon F	Year 7
Rose C	Year 7
Lucinda F	Year 10
Gruffydd J	Year 7
Max S	Year 9
Jensen J	Year 7
Grayson K	Year 7
Oscar F	Year 8



• Macmillan Coffee Morning 2025

On Friday 26th September, the school supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning with a cake sale which was organised by Mrs Halstead and Mrs Mathers. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and supported the event. £124.00 was raised for the charity. Well done everyone!



• Music

On Sunday, the Year 10 GCSE Music students experienced a brilliant day of live music at the Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool. All pupils were very impressed and learned a lot about how the philharmonic orchestra works, as well as how the conductor maintains control and guidance over the music. Pupils also experienced different genres of music in the secondary venue at the hall such as Indian, Acoustic, Spanish, Orchestral and Folk music styles. All the students involved have been able to appreciate what live music is all about from a different perspective and will be able to reflect on these experiences in their GCSE course work. This will enable them to incorporate influences from the music they've discovered whilst on the visit. Well done Year 10 for your outstanding enthusiasm and magnificent behaviour whilst on your first GCSE Music trip. An excellent start to the year so far!



- 🎃 **Year 7 Halloween Disco – Thursday 23rd October** 🎃
Get ready for a spooky night of fun!
👻 Dress up in your best Halloween costume
🍵 Pumpkin carving competition – pre-carved entries only
🍷 Food, sweets, music, dancing, games & more!
Don't miss out – it's going to be a frightfully good time!

