



Letter from the Head:

A warm welcome back to all parents/carers and pupils. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and a good start to 2025. As we return for the Spring Term, there is a lot to look forward to. This week I have had an assembly with Year 11, reminding them they are now on the home straight. They have 65 more school days before exams start and I hope they will take advantage of the help on offer from their subject teachers during lessons and interventions. I have also seen Year 10 in their assembly to talk about work experience. They should have all come home with forms to complete with the details of where they are going for their weeks work experience in July. If anyone requires any help finding a placement, please speak to Mrs Denton or Mrs Watkiss. Finally, I had an assembly with Year 9 to talk about options. I will be meeting with all of Year 9 in smaller groups before half term to talk about their interests and what courses they would like to take, be it academic or vocational. Following that, there will be a meeting for all parents/carers and pupils where you will get to speak to teachers and Head of Faculties regarding the what the different course will involve over the two years and what the expectations of the pupils will be. It can be a daunting time for pupils but, with support, it is also an exciting time where they get to take charge of their education and focus more on what interests them as individuals.

I am very pleased to confirm that the heating is now fixed and running as it should. A huge thanks to the site team, led by Mr Weighill, for all of their efforts over what was a very stressful (and cold) period. Now that normal service has been resumed, we will be clamping down on uniform. Pupils are not permitted to wear leggings or joggers as part of the school uniform and, should they do so, they will now be facing sanctions.

We have a very full term ahead and I look forward to sharing the highlights with you over the coming weeks!

Dates for the Diary:

23rd January—Year 9 Careers Event, Three Counties Showground

24th January—Year 9 Vaccinations

29th January—Year 11 Taster Morning—Hereford Sixth Form College

30th January—Year 11 Targeted Parents' Evening

12th February—Animal Farm Theatre Trip

13th February—Year 10 Parents' Evening

17th—21st February—Half Term

25th February—Y11 Geography Field Trip

6th March—Year 9 Options Evening

10th March—Year 11 Geography Field Trip

22nd—29th March—Ski Trip

Congratulations!

Well done Year 11 on their improved PPE results. It is great to see your hard work paying off. As Mr Seneque has mentioned, you are now in the final stage of your GCSEs and, with a final push, I have every confidence you can improve further and get the grades you all deserve. Interventions will be starting on Monday 27th January, we will send out the timetable next week, so please take advantage of these. We are all here to support you!

Attendance:

A reminder that if your child is well enough to attend school, please send them as it is vital they attend school as regularly as possible. Absences **must be reported daily** either via the MCAS app, **absence@tcat.school (please note the change in e-mail address)** or calling the school on 01885 482230.

We have had a strong return after the holidays (thank you!) and hope to see it continue.

Our highest attending forms in each year group are:

Year 7—Pegasus 7

Year 8—Pegasus 8

Year 9—Wyvern 9

Year 10—Phoenix 10

Year 11—Griffin 11

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Hot Chocolate Friday: A huge well done to all the pupils that have been nominated by staff for their efforts either for their hard work in the classroom or their fantastic behaviour around school this week—

Year 7—Sydney, Isla, Neve, Nyla, Amelia, Fabio, Xander, Mia and Lewis

Year 8—Eliza

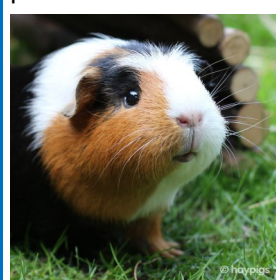
Year 9 — Drake, Alfie and Olivia

Year 11—Olaf and Chester



Animal Care

We have various animals in our Animal Care classroom that the pupils take great delight in looking after. Unfortunately, there are some pupils that do not treat the area in a respectful way



and are banging on the doors and windows. Not only does this scare the animals, it has caused our Animal Care Technicians to jump on more than one occasion. So, on behalf of both the animals and the staff, please remind pupils that this is not acceptable and access to the area will be limited if pupils cannot behave accordingly.



Welcome:

Please join me in welcoming our new members of staff; Mr Gateley (Maths), Mrs Hulm (Science) Mrs Cox (TA), and Mrs Mellor (TA) and Mrs Gill (TA).



Extra-Curricular Timetable:

Please see the timetable below for extra-curricular clubs that will be running this term. Lunchtime clubs are in blue and afterschool clubs are in green:

Day	Club	Open To	Time	Location	Main Teacher(s)
Monday	Animal Care	Everyone	13.15 – 13.45	Animal Care	Mrs Deeks/Mrs Pilliner
	Futsal	KS3	13.15 – 13.45	Gym	Mr Brookes
	Mixed Netball	Everyone	15.15 – 16.15	Netball Courts	Miss Muirhead
	Homework Club	Everyone	15.15 – 16.15	C27	Mr Langley
Wednesday	Girls Football	Girls All Years	15.15 – 16.15	Playing Field	Miss Griffiths
	Art	Everyone	15.15 – 16.15	C01 (Art)	Miss Gwilliam
	Food Tech (DofE)	DofE Pupils	15.15 – 16.30	C14	Mrs Kent
	Drama Club	Everyone	15.15 – 16.30	Drama	Mrs Fisher
Thursday	Book Club	Everyone	13.15 – 13.45	C28	Mr Huntzinger
	Futsal	KS4	13.15 – 13.45	Gym	Mr Brookes
	Boys Football	Boys All Years	15.15 – 16.15	Playing Field	Mr Brookes
	DofE (Bronze)	DofE Pupils	15-15 – 16.30	C30	Ms Eames
	DofE (Silver) Selected Dates	DofE Pupils	15-15 – 16.30	C30	Ms Eames
Friday	Spanish Club	Everyone	13.15 – 13.45	C07	Mrs Lozano

