

JHY/SHY

17th March 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

As the end of spring term is in sight, I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight some key developments and valuable information.

Recruitment

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Denman and Miss Lee this term and I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their commitment and efforts with our students.

I am pleased to say that we have successfully recruited some exceptional new staff, including, Ms Stanbrook, Assistant Headteacher and a new Head of Year 10, Miss Baillie. These appointments reflect the high standards and ambitions we have for high quality teaching and learning and student support.

Year 9 Options

We hosted an excellent options evening for our Year 9 students on Thursday 5th March. We were able to showcase the curriculum offer which students are able to consider and choose to start their GCSE studies, ready for Year 10. A further development was the opportunity for parents and students to meet one to one with a member of the leadership team to review their potential choices and receive further guidance on their curriculum pathways.

Enrichment

We have planned and delivered some superb enrichment opportunities for our students over the last Half Term. I have taken the opportunity to highlight some of these below.

Six of our Year 9 girls attended a STEM contest aimed at supporting awareness and promotion of women in STEM careers. Our students competed against teams from a variety of local schools and our students worked brilliantly together and achieved a very respectable third place overall.

Our students recently took part in the Mathematics Challenge organised by Edge Hill University. The challenge required students to work collaboratively to explore thought-provoking brain teaser based on magic squares, with a strong emphasis on creative problem-solving.

We were pleased to host and support an Army engagement day for Year 8 and 9. The students experienced a careers presentation as well as problem solving and team building activities.

Year 11 students experienced a live performance of Macbeth in school, which was organised by the English team to support and develop understanding ready for their GCSE exams.



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Several Year 10 students attended BCOT (Basingstoke College of Technology) to experience a bespoke tour and introduction to the college. This provided an invaluable insight into college life and the many courses the college has to offer our students. Some Year 11 students also visited QMC (Queen Marys College) and experienced the plethora of facilities and courses available.

We hosted Mrs Jennifer Barry, the young female Engineer of the Year for a presentation and question and answer session on careers in STEM. Mrs Barry works in the field of satellite payload engineering. She discussed her career, her role and the future of satellite engineering.

End of / start of term arrangements

A reminder that the last day of the Spring term for students will be Friday 27th March. All students will be dismissed from school at 1.25pm for the Half Term holiday.

The start of the new term for students will be Monday 13th April with the usual start time for all students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Halsey', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right above the name.

Miss J Halsey
Headteacher