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Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We started this week with Mr Wright talking to the boys about ADHD and some of the challenges this can bring, but also some of the benefits that some people with an ADHD diagnosis have shared with us. This allows us, as a school community, to have a better understanding of one another and to celebrate all aspects of diversity. Some of the boys were a part of Mr Wright's assembly and they were a great support to him in delivering the presentation, well done to those boys.

With the obvious decline in the weather, can we please ask that the boys start to arrive with appropriate clothing for the autumn and winter months. We try to get the boys outside in the fresh air as much as possible so having an outdoor coat in school is essential. To support this, can we also ask that everything is named so that any lost uniform can be returned to the correct owner.

Lockdown and Fire Drill Practice

Further to the ParentMail yesterday, we spoke with the boys this afternoon in their PSHE lessons about the school emergency procedures that we will be practising on Monday. We will go through a Partial Lockdown, a Full Lockdown, a Fire Drill and then an Off Site evacuation. The Off Site evacuation will only involve us walking through the school car park, so if any parents are there at that time in the afternoon, please be reassured that this is a drill. Going through the process this afternoon allows us to identify boys that might find this process challenging and then put strategies in place that can be used in the unlikely event of an emergency incident. The boys have engaged with the process extremely well as they always do, however, if parents are presented with any questions prior to the drill on Monday then please do not hesitate to make contact with either myself or your son's Form tutor.

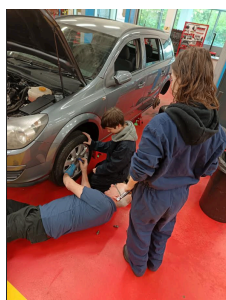
Thank you in anticipation of your support and I wish you a lovely weekend.

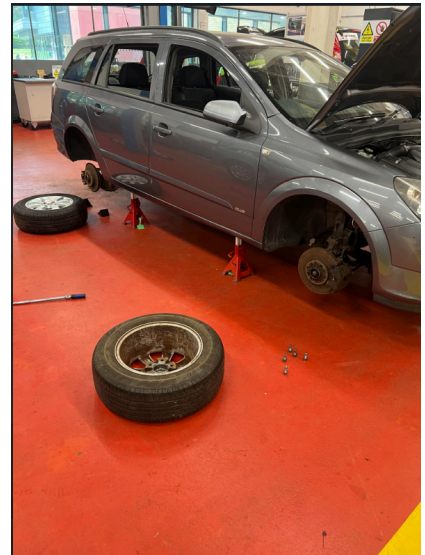
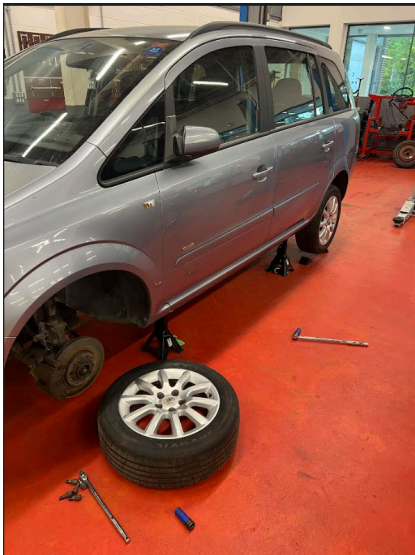
Jez Lord

Motor Mechanics



Some of Year 11 have been working hard at college, taking part in motor mechanics during our Friday Curriculum. This week we've removed the tyres and started looking at how to remove the front brakes and measure the disc and brake pads.





Mrs Clow

Online Safety

Please see the online safety flier attached to this newsletter regarding ‘What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA Sports FC 26.’

Mr Cassim

**Thought for the Week
(W/C: 29/9/25)**

ADHD Awareness Month

**Thought for the Week
(W/C: 6/10/25)**

Growth Mindset & The Learning Pit

The Baton

Blake Pope

RICE ³ Awards	
Resilience	Blake Pope
Independence	Callum Jordan
Cooperation	Luke Luo

<u>Mathematician of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Mathematician of Week, awarded by Mrs Webb are</p> <p>Kayden Wheatcroft <i>For resilience and working well this week</i></p> <p>George Cooke <i>For enthusiasm and excellent work</i></p>
<u>Writer of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Writer of the Week, awarded by Miss Thomson is</p> <p>KS3</p> <p>William Elliot <i>For his dedication</i></p> <p>KS4</p> <p>& awarded by Mrs Jensen is</p> <p>Callum Jordan <i>For an insightful MacBeth analysis</i></p>
<u>Chef of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Chef of the Week, awarded by Mrs Hull is</p> <p>Alex Pereira <i>For resilience and effort</i></p>
<u>Reader of the Week</u>	<p>The recipient of Reader of the Week, awarded by Miss Newcombe</p> <p>Alex Borisov <i>For his commitment and engagement</i></p>
<u>Artist of the Week</u>	<p>The recipients of Artist of the Week, awarded by Mrs Ogle are</p> <p>Luke Dean Freddie Dunne <i>For commitment to their homework</i></p>

House Points

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Alfie Tharle	800 House Points
Matthew Marenga	550 House Points
Kai Bagwell	350 House Points
Zack Harrison	350 House Points
Jonah Mee	250 House Points
William Elliot	200 House Points
Leo Ewen	150 House Points

Forthcoming Events 2025

Autumn Term 2025	
Wednesday 8 th October 2025	KS3 & KS4 Cross Country
Wednesday 15 th October 2025	School Photos
Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	Year 7 Parents Evening
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Royal Opera House Visit
Wednesday 19 th November 2025	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Early finish – 1.30pm
Friday 19 th December 2025	INSET DAY
Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 th January 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 14 th January 2026	Year 11 Parents Evening
Wednesday 28 th January 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th February 2026	Half Term
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Curriculum Evening
Friday 27 th March 2026	Early finish – 1.30pm
Summer Term 2026	
Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	Year 9 Parents Evening
Wednesday 29 th April 2026	Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Year 11 Graduation
Friday 19 th June 2026	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 10 Parents Evening
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	End of term (12.30pm finish)



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October Half Term Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids! 🐾

Date: Wednesday 29th October 2025

Time: 9am- 2pm

Location: Ponies 'n' Kids, Eaton Thorne Stables, Woodmancote, Nr Henfield, W.Sussex, BN5 9AG

Join us for a magical day designed especially for children ages 5-11! Dive into a world of peace, friendship, and mindfulness, all while experiencing the calming presence of our adorable ponies.

🌟 What to Expect:

💖 Mindfulness Time with Ponies

🐾 Pony Care

🎮 Riding and Mounted Games

🌿 Connect with Nature

👯 Make New Friends

Scan the QR code or click this link to book: [Mindfulness Pony Day 29th October 2025](#)



Cost: £140 per child

BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 15TH OCTOBER.

Spaces limited to 15 children

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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children with additional needs

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