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Principal's Message

As we reach the last week before half term, it has been wonderful to see how hard our students have been working, trying their best, and not giving up. Year 10 Mock Exams, Year 11 Intervention, Drop Down Day and classroom visits have all shown this. We have also given rewards to students to celebrate their hard work. Some students have earned raffle tickets in lessons, opportunities to attend positive reward trips and points logged on Arbor. These are just a few ways we are celebrating our students.

At the same time, we are working hard to make sure corridors are calm, students are in lessons and students making poor choices are appropriately supported and challenged.

Next week, I will write to you about some changes we are making to how students leave school, what happens at break time, and other things we are improving in the academy that will start after the half term break.

Mr Bullock



Mr Bullock
Principal



Determination



Togetherness



Achievement



Opportunity



Kindness



Respect



We're now in full swing with Arbor, our school's information system that keeps you connected to your child's attendance, achievements, behaviour, and all our updates. **It's really important that you download the Arbor app so you can stay fully in the loop.**

Please take a moment to download it and log in so you have everything you need at your fingertips!

[iOS App Store](#) / [Play Store App Store](#)

Key Dates

Y7 & Y8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 12th February 2026
(3:45pm – 6:00pm)

Y11 Mock Exams start

Tuesday 10th February 2026

Coffee Morning

Monday 9th March 10:00am – 11:30am

Y9 Options Evening

Tuesday 24th March 2026

Y11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th March 2026

Drop Down Day!

An inspiring day supporting our students with the next steps in their education and beyond!

Students took part in a range of valuable and engaging sessions, including:

-  Careers education
-  Online Safety & Smart Digital Habits
-  Emergency First Aid
-  Mock Exam Preparation & Revision Techniques
-  A powerful live **Drama & Consent Assembly**

We're proud of how positively our students engaged with each workshop — building confidence, life skills, and future-ready attitudes.

Well done to everyone involved for making the day such a success!





Lucky winner Michelle



Year 11 Rewards

Our Year 11s have some fantastic opportunities to earn rewards this term! Here's what's on offer:

🎁 Big Prize Draws

- **£100 Voucher Draw** for **100% completion** of **Spax and Seneca**.
- **Parents' Evening Reward:** Attend and 3 lucky winners will each receive a **£100 voucher!**

🏆 Attendance & Progress Rewards

- **100% Mock Exam Attendance:** Every student who attends receive a **£20 voucher**.
- **Most Improved Between Mocks:** Students who show excellent progress between the mock exams will have the chance to enjoy a trip to **BattleKart!**

📋 Intervention Incentives

- **100% Attendance at Maths or English Interventions:** Students who attend all scheduled sessions will receive a **£20 voucher**.



Coffee Morning

Another lovely Coffee Morning bringing parents together.

This month, parents enjoyed the opportunity to chat with Dr L Millington, the SEND Team, Attendance, and Safeguarding staff.

We also had a visit from our Chair of Governors, Tina Ball.

The morning was filled with supportive conversations, shared ideas, and plenty of coffee and biscuits. We'd love to welcome more families along to our next Coffee Morning on, **Monday 9th March 2026 from 10:00am –11:30am**.



Awesome Walls!

Every week, 12 students go on a reward trip to Awesome Walls.

Students who attend every day and have positive behaviour (0 negatives and 100% attendance) have an opportunity to attend this trip.

Remember to attend school every day and make positive choices!



Tasty Incentives!

Year 11 interventions after school.

If Year 11 students attend after school interventions, there is a good chance they will be tucking into a slice of Pizza before they leave!

The Y11 mock exams starts on **Tuesday 10th February 2026**. Remember to keep revising!