



## Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school during what has been a smooth but very cold start to the new year. It was the feast of the Epiphany last Sunday which commemorates the visit of the three Magi to Jesus and we have been thinking about special gifts this week at school. One of the gifts highlighted in our assemblies and thoughts this week has been standing in Solidarity with those who struggle around the world. Our new sixth form leadership team led assemblies this week which focused on Solidarity and Peace which is our theme for this half term. Thank you to all involved with this.

*Kate Pereira, Executive Headteacher*

## Certificate Collection Evening

It was wonderful to see so many present and past students come and collect their GCSE and Post-16 certificates this week. Catching up with ex-students who have gone on to university, apprenticeships, work or other establishments is always special. Congratulations once again to all our students of 2024!

*Mrs Wilmore, Head of School*

## Appointments

Medical appointments for students need to be made outside of school hours and, if unavoidable, proof of the appointment must be provided. Please can you provide evidence as soon as possible, so this can be logged onto the system and ensure that teachers are aware and students can leave lesson at the correct time.

## Lateness

The school day starts at 8.30am and students are expected to be in registration by 8.40am. Students that are late will receive an after-school detention until 3.45pm, persistent latecomers will have a detention until 4pm. An extended detention until 4.45pm will be issued to those who are consistently late.

*Mr Bates, Deputy Headteacher*

## Safeguarding Reminder

A reminder to all parents that the school car park is only to be used by staff or parents that have been invited for booked appointments with staff members. Please do not drop off or collect students within the school grounds, for the safety of all students. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

## Sixth Form Star Students



December's Star Students are Alan Chrusciak (Year 12) and Jay Duffy (Year 13). Alan has demonstrated a positive

attitude to learning in both IT and Maths, frequently achieving 'Best in Class' during the month of December. Alan has been conscientious in his preparation for his January exam and shown a positive attitude in his study periods. Jay continues to act as a positive role model to the remainder of the school. He applies himself well in both Business and IT, but also in PSHE and Core RE. Jay can always be relied upon to support with the form quiz and help staff in and around school.

Congratulations to both students, keep your eyes peeled for January's Star Students.

*Mrs Reay, Assistant Headteacher*

## Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for free school meals? We are keen to make sure they get the support they need, both short term with meals / vouchers but longer term in terms of schools support via the pupils premium. If you think you may be eligible please complete the form online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). Claiming Free School Meals not only provides your child/children with a meal allowance each day of £2.70 but also brings in valuable additional funding to the school.

Your child is entitled to Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). To apply for Free School Meals complete the Free School Meal Application Form on the website below [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

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## Extra-Curricular Activities 2024-2025

### **Monday Lunchtime**

All Years – Choir – Room 101  
All Years – Maths Help Club  
All Years – Film Club  
All Years – Boys Basketball – Sports Hall  
All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors – Chapel  
Year 10 – Italian Club - 209

### **Monday After School**

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
All Years - Boys/Girls Football - Astro  
All Years – Netball Club – Courts  
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre  
Key Stage 4 – Basketball – Sports Hall  
Year 9 – Food Club – Room 306  
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal - 501

### **Tuesday Lunchtime**

All Years – Maths Help Club  
All Years – Girls Basketball & Benchball – Sports Hall  
Year 7 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211  
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal - 501

### **Tuesday After School**

All Years Homework Club Study Centre

### **Wednesday Lunchtime**

All Years – String Ensemble – Room 101  
All Years – Maths Help Club  
All Years – Girls Football – Sports Hall  
Year 7 – Drama Club – Room 501  
Year 8 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

### **Wednesday After School**

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
All Years – Badminton Club – Sports Hall  
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre  
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal - 501

### **Thursday Lunchtime**

Key Stage 3 – Art Club  
All Years – Choir – Room 101  
All Years - Maths Help Club  
All Years – Cricket Club – Sports Hall  
All Years – Optional Studio Space - 501  
Year 9 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

### **Thursday After School**

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
All Years – Fitness – Gym  
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

### **Friday Lunchtime**

All Years – Maths Help Club  
Blooklet Club Spanish – Room 211  
Years 8 & 9 – Drama – Room 501  
Year 9 – Italian Club - 209  
Year 10 – Product & Design Club – Room 305

### **Friday After School**

All Years – Homework Club Study Centre  
Key Stage 4 – Drama Intervention – Room 501



## School Information – Edulink One

- Provide all information in one place
- Reduce amount of paper produced
- Easy to use for parents
- No need for students to bring cash into school
- Parents evening bookings available on your mobile, no need to print appointment sheets
- Student reports available for you to view
- Easy for parents to provide details of absences and communicate changes to personal details with us

If you have not already done so, **download the app called Edulink One** on your Android or IOS device and register

Or

### **For Laptop / computers**

Sign up by visiting the following website:  
<https://edulinkone.com/>



## Catering - SchoolGateway

- Easy to use for parents
- Parents can pay for catering via the app
- No need for students to bring cash into school
- Details of your child's food choices available for you to see

Guidance on SchoolGateway can be found on Pages 14-15 of the Information for Parents booklet.