

Weekly News – 27th February 2026

HEADTEACHER’S MESSAGE: It is great to see all students back after the half-term break. We were pleased to receive a National School Attendance Award from the FFT organisation for being in the top 25% of schools nationally for Attendance. We are acutely aware as a school, that the students with the best Rank Order improvements and academic outcomes have the best attendance rates. Thank you for your support in ensuring this attendance as we continue to strive to improve it further. It has been good to see a range of students working on their dissertations for the Brilliant club and congratulations to those who competed in the Robot Wars competition this week. The DfE have created a website called [Kids Online Safety](#) to support families and encourage regular conversations about what they’re seeing online, asking simple questions, like “who shared this” and “why?”. Based on parents’ main concerns and needs, it provides tips for parents’ conversations with their children; actions to support each stage of their child’s life; and parental controls information. We hope you will find this resource useful in continuing to support your child to be safe online. Have a great weekend.

WEEKLY DIARY - Please click [here](#) for the diary for the week commencing 2nd March.

EQUIPMENT REMINDER – all students should be bringing in a pencil case and should not keep pens and pencils in their blazer pockets. In exam time, pencil cases need to be clear so if you are buying new, it may be an idea to buy a clear one.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS After school and lunchtime clubs for this half term are available to book now on [SchoolCloud](#). For safeguarding reasons, it is important that students are signed up to the clubs on the system in advance; however, if your child is unable to attend a session you have booked, please cancel it to allow others to attend. Many of our clubs are oversubscribed, so we will need to remove students that do not attend for 2 consecutive occasions without explanation, to make space for others.

YEAR 11 Students in this year group who do not possess a laptop are currently permitted to use iPads at school as we recognise that it is not reasonable to request for laptops to be purchased for what is a relatively short time left. However, if you plan for your child to remain here for Sixth Form, please be aware that iPads are **not** permitted and therefore, we advise you not to buy a new iPad at this point. Students must be reminded that iPads which are used on site presently must not have any social media apps installed, and they must be SIM free and use the school’s wifi. This is for safeguarding reasons, for their own safety and to minimise distractions. If your child is likely to stay for Sixth Form and you will struggle to purchase a Windows based, SIM free laptop, please do contact us after results in the summer so that we can support you with this.

Arrival time at school Please be reminded that for safeguarding reasons, students should not be on site before 8am. Thank you.