

Weekly News – 20th March 2026

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE: I would like to thank all the parents, students, staff and Governors who kindly supported over the Ofsted inspection this week, but even more so over the period of time you have been connected with HGSS, as the outcomes are a product of sustained hard work over years. The outcomes need to be quality assured so their publication is due most likely in late April by Ofsted. In particular, inspectors were blown away with the maturity and readiness of them to contribute positively to wider society. They really epitomised that seven year journey with us in becoming the best possible versions of themselves.

It is important not to forget that Year 11 Geographer's were out on a trip to the Olympic Park in East London, well done to all the Year 11 PE students who had their external GCSE practical moderation this week and finally, we wish the Year 10 football team all the best in their County Cup Final today. Thank you to all those that attended Year 9 Options Evening last night to reflect on Option choices that will begin in year 10. Finally, it was great to see a packed assembly programme this week celebrating neurodiversity week and a huge thank you to our Alumni for returning and presenting on their career journeys. The last day of term is on Friday 27 March with a normal 3.25pm finish. We look forward to our celebration and reward assemblies next week and I share the reading lists with you ([top 10 reads by department](#); [50 books to read](#)), so you can recharge over Easter. Wishing you a good weekend.

WEEKLY DIARY - Please click [here](#) for the diary for the week commencing 16th March.

LETTER FROM BUCKS NHS – Please click [here](#) for a letter from Buckinghamshire Healthcare regarding childhood vaccines. There is a link in the letter regarding the [Meningitis B Outbreak: what you need to know](#)

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS After school and lunchtime clubs for next half term will be available to book from **10am next Friday (27th)** 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 9 VACCINES: Year 9 can receive TdIPV and MenACWY (and MMR if requested) vaccines on Wednesday next week (25th). Please complete the consent form [here](#) by midday on Tuesday 24th March if you have not already done so. The school code is EE138058.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS DEADLINE – A reminder that the deadline for students submitting Options choices via the portal is **3pm on Thursday 26th March**. Please click [here](#) for instructions for **students** to support them in selecting their options on the SIMS app and click [here](#) for instructions for **parents** to use to approve the options your child makes.

YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING will be held online on Thursday 23rd April. Bookings will go live on **Wednesday 25th March at 6.30pm** and you can initially book 5 appointments per student. All extra, spare appointments will be made available for booking on the 16th April at 10am.

YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING will be held on Thursday 30th April and will be in person, at school. The system will go live for bookings on Monday 13th April at 6.30pm.

JEWELLERY REMINDER – A reminder that only clear nose studs are permitted for those with a nose piercing, and only one pair of studs to be worn in earlobes. Anything other than this will be confiscated as per our [uniform policy](#).

EID MUBARAK – We wish those celebrating Eid a wonderful day! Last summer, we ran a competition exploring the range of celebrations found within the school. One of the winning images to celebrate Eid was created by Daisy K in Year 9 (below). We will have a special lunch on Thursday to celebrate Eid in school.

