

# Carshalton Boys Sports College

# NEWSLETTER

'Safeguarding the rights of others is the most noble and beautiful end of a human being.' Khalil Gibran

February 2026



## Principal's Welcome

Working closely with Parentkind, we remain committed to engaging more effectively with you to improve the life chances of our students. Over a third of you completed the survey prior to the Christmas holiday, and your feedback has provided us with a clear roadmap for improvement. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their views. We have highlighted some of the key areas for improvement below, along with information about what we are planning to do to address these, to continually develop our tripartite relationship with our families.

## Navigating Year 11

With Year 11 exams fast approaching, we wanted to take a moment to share some key reminders and guidance as we enter this crucial final phase. This is very much a team effort – we are all your son's pacers, helping to keep him on track, motivated and focused as the finish line comes into view.

At this stage, progress matters more than perfection. Small, consistent steps now can have a big impact on final outcomes.

A key area we want to highlight is memory. Research shows that poor or irregular sleep has a significant negative effect on memory, concentration and recall – all of which are vital for GCSE success. Even the best revision strategies are far less effective without adequate sleep. Supporting good sleep routines (especially on school nights) is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to improve exam performance.

Please be reassured that our teachers are highly experienced in supporting students to achieve the grades they need. Working together – school and home – makes the biggest difference.

## Key support in school next term

- The final term is crucial, it is not too late!
- Subject specific intervention sessions are available every day.
- In English, any completed exam questions can be handed to the English teacher and will be marked within 48 hours. This feedback is vital and strongly encouraged.
- In Maths, students receive bespoke, personalised learning checklists after each assessment. These clearly identify topics where zero or partial marks were scored – these areas are high priority for revision.
- All subjects can provide past papers and mark schemes to support targeted practice.





## Be Really Kind

### How you can support at home

- Encourage low-stakes testing and quizzing (short, frequent recall practice rather than long revision sessions) – this is one of the most effective ways to strengthen memory.
- Support clear, legible handwriting, particularly for extended answers in English.
- Help maintain routines around sleep, revision time and screen use.
- Keep communication open and encourage your son to ask for help early.

The English and Maths teams will also be sending out knowledge organisers and cheat sheets by email – please keep an eye out for these and encourage their use.

We will be holding a final Year 11 Parents' Webinar ahead of the last term, where we will share updated results, exam timetables and final guidance.

If you would like an update at any point, please do not hesitate to contact us or your son's subject teachers directly. Open communication is key, and we are always happy to help.

### Inclusion & Belonging: Growing Together

At CBSC, our sense of community is our greatest strength. We take immense pride in fostering an environment where every student feels seen and valued. To ensure our approach remains as dynamic and diverse as our student body, we are launching several **collaborative forums** to further enrich the lived experience of our families.

- **Black Parents' Forum:** A dedicated space for partnership and dialogue. This group focuses on celebrating the achievements of our Black students and ensuring that every family has a direct hand in shaping a supportive, high-achieving school journey for their child.
- **Culture & Coffee:** We are inviting families from our multilingual (EAL) community and our non-resident fathers to join us for informal coffee mornings. These sessions allow us to look at our school culture through fresh eyes, ensuring our environment stays welcoming and inclusive for everyone.
- **The "Experience" Project:** We are committed to student well-being. By inviting families to share their personal insights on how we handle peer relationships and communication, we can continue to refine our processes and stay ahead of the curve in student support.

### Strengthening the year group transitions & SEND

Nationally, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) remains a vital topic of debate. This was reflected in our survey, particularly for families at key transition points like Year 7 and Year 9.

To address this, we are launching a wider program of support:

- Our Educational Psychology team has recently hosted sessions on understanding ASD and ADHD.
- Our SEN team is hosting their first Coffee Afternoon to answer queries and provide guidance on next steps.
- These events are just the beginning; further information on our long-term support program will be shared in the coming weeks.

We noticed a slight "dip" in satisfaction during the transition from Year 7 to Year 8. To maintain momentum, we are introducing:

- The "Success Blueprint": In Summer Term, Year 7 families will co-create a "handover" document for the new Year 8 pastoral team.
- Year 8 Launch (Sept): A dedicated "Power of the Middle Years" event to highlight new electives and leadership roles.
- Updated Curriculum Roadmaps: Clear guides for parents on the tangible projects students will tackle to avoid the feeling of "treading water."

### We Need You: Join Our Parent/Carer Working Group

We are looking for a dedicated group of parents/carers to help us shape these initiatives. Whether you have ideas for the Year 8 transition or want to help us improve our inclusion strategies, we want to hear from you.

**To get involved, please email Hannah Baker**  
[hbaker@carshaltonboys.org](mailto:hbaker@carshaltonboys.org)





# Updates to Mobile Phones

Guidance

## Mobile phones in schools

Updated 19 January 2026

### New 'Off & Away' Mobile Phone Policy

We are transitioning to a phone-free school environment to improve focus and wellbeing. This change aligns with the Department for Education's recent [Mobile Phones in Schools Guidance](#) (effective April 2026), which advises schools to prohibit device use to combat lost learning time, classroom disruption, and online bullying.

### New Key Rules

- **Off and Away:** Phones and smart devices must be switched off and stored securely in bags from 8:30am to 3:00pm (or 4:00pm on late days). This applies to all breaks and lunchtimes.
- **Morning Checks:** Tutors will verify devices are powered down during registration.
- **Exceptions:** Limited use is allowed only for pre-agreed medical needs or specific teacher-led tasks.
- **Emergency Contact:** Please contact the school office directly for urgent matters. Students will not be able to receive messages during the day.

Any device seen or used without permission will be treated as a behaviour concern and result with a significant sanction. Appropriate deterrents to avoid transgressing the new rules are being discussed with the Student Council at present.



We appreciate your support in meeting these new national standards.

Carshalton Boys Sports College

Is a mobile free school



Phones must be  
**'off and away'**  
for the entire school day

'What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives.  
[Link to support HERE](#)

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COMMISSIONER**



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## Highlights of the Half Term

- Year 11 & 12 Mock Exams
- Year 11 Parents Evening
- Jamie's Farm Trip
- Sound Lounge Music Event
- Hamilton Musical Trip
- Aimhigher University of Reading Trip
- Pinewood Studios Trip
- Jack Petchey Speak Out Events
- Children's Mental Health Week
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- Science Museum Trip
- Year 12 Parents Evening
- Year 8 Sky Studios Trip
- SEND Parent Coffee Afternoon
- Brit & Rambert School Dance Event
- Valentines Day Roses Event



Our EAL students supporting each other with their GCSE English



# Children's Mental Health Week

At Carshalton Boys, we believe that a student's wellbeing is just as important as their academic or athletic success. This week, we joined schools across the country to celebrate **Children's Mental Health Week**, focusing on the powerful theme of "Belonging," as championed by the charity **Place2Be**.

Throughout the week, our students have been exploring what it means to feel connected, accepted, and supported within our school community and beyond.

## What's Been Happening?

- **Whole-School Assemblies:** We launched the week with dedicated assemblies exploring how a sense of belonging can protect our mental health and boost resilience. Video [HERE](#)
- **Tutor Time Discussions:** Students engaged in open, honest conversations about how they can make others feel welcome and the importance of finding "their tribe" in sports, hobbies, or friendships.

## Resources for Families

Supporting a young person's mental health is a journey we take together. To help continue these conversations at home, we have curated a selection of resources that we've used with students this week. We hope you find these tools beneficial:

- <https://www.kooth.com/>
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://carshaltonboys2021.ovwl.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=302>



## REPORT IT... SORT IT...

- When should I use the 'REPORT IT...SORT IT...' button on the website?
- If I report something, what happens next...?

**When should I use the 'REPORT IT...SORT IT...' button on the website?**

- If you are anxious or worried about yourself or another students' wellbeing
- If you witness anything that is against the "We Believe" principles, such as bullying or hate crime
- If there are issues at home that you are worried about.

**External Support**

childline.org.uk  
suttonscp.org.uk  
talkofftherecord.org  
notaloneinsutton.org  
gettingiton.org.uk  
kooth.com  
youngminds.org.uk

**What happens next...?**

- Please don't worry...it's so important that this is reported
- A member of staff will speak to you or the person you are worried about
- Appropriate support will be put in place through the school
- Parents will be informed after the conversation with you or the person you are worried about
- Perpetrator spoken to and potentially sanctioned
- High risk incidents will be referred to the Police
- There will be follow up support for everyone involved

Scan code to use the 'REPORT IT...SORT IT...'

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# Parent/Carer Workshops

Education Wellbeing Service

wellbeinginschoolevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

**NHS**  
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

## Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Spring Term 2026

### Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

**16TH FEB 26**  
**7 PM - 8 PM**

Supporting your teenager with Exam Stress (Years 11-13)

**17TH FEB 26**  
**1 PM - 2 PM**

**9TH MAR 26**  
**1 PM - 2 PM**

Conflict, Communication and Compromise - the teen years

**12TH MAR 26**  
**7 PM - 8 PM**

To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

[Click here](#)



Making Life Better Together



The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent Webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

You can sign up to any of their free webinars by copying this URL:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondarycollege-parents-wellbeing-workshops-725989?utm\\_campaign=social&utm\\_content=creatorshare&utm\\_medium=discovery&utm\\_term=odclsxcollection&utm\\_source=cp&aff=escb](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondarycollege-parents-wellbeing-workshops-725989?utm_campaign=social&utm_content=creatorshare&utm_medium=discovery&utm_term=odclsxcollection&utm_source=cp&aff=escb)

If your child is interested in 1:1 sessions with our in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help with worries, low mood or anxiety, they can pick up an application form from reception or speak to a member of staff.



# Directions & Destinations Day 6th March

Our annual careers event, Directions & Destinations Day, will take place on Friday, 6th March. This is a pivotal day designed to help students explore their future pathways and meet industry professionals.

Because this day features a bespoke schedule of workshops and guest speakers, it is VITAL that parents and students read all school communications carefully.



## Key Logistics & Timings

- **Staggered Starts:** Timings vary significantly by year group and specific workshops. Please ensure your child arrives exactly at their designated time and not before, as we do not have the capacity to house students on-site until their specific session begins.
- **Catering:** Please note that no food or refreshments will be available on-site for students that day.
- **Free School Meals:** Students eligible for Free School Meals will be sent a voucher in advance to ensure they can access lunch off-site.

## Year Group Overview

Year Group	Activity
Year 7	Students will arrive and register with tutors at 9.45 and be dismissed at 12.30. Please note, due to the shortened day there will be no refreshments on site for students. Students will take part in a Year 7 Careers workshops and upskill in our careers platform Unifrog.
Year 8	Students will arrive and register with tutors at 9.45 and be dismissed at 12.30. Please note, due to the shortened day there will be no refreshments on site for students. Students will take part in a Year 8 Careers workshops and attend the careers exhibition
Year 9	Will be allocated to one of two sessions. Session 1 students will register at 9.30 and will be dismissed at 11.30, Session 2 students will register at 11.00 and be dismissed at 13.00. Students will attend a workshop and the careers exhibition.
Year 10	Will be allocated to one of two sessions. Session 1 students will register at 9.30 and will be dismissed at 11.30, Session 2 students will register at 11.00 and be dismissed at 13.00. Students will attend a workshop and the careers exhibition. Please note, due to the shortened day there will be no refreshments on site for students.
Year 11	Bespoke revision session, co-ordinated by Y11 Leadership Team
Year 12	Are all allocated to Session 1. They will register at 9.30 and will be dismissed at 13.00. Students will attend two workshops and the careers exhibition.
Year 13	Event Leaders (allocated roles)

## Next Steps

Please keep an eye on your email for your child's specific arrival time and session details. If you have any questions regarding the schedule or logistics, please contact the school office.

We look forward to a day of inspiration and career discovery for all our students!



# Work Shadowing & Work Experience

## Key Dates & Deadlines



Deadlines for logging your Workshadowing (Google Form) and Work Experience (logging details on Unifrog) are either fast approaching or have recently passed.

It is essential that these details are recorded correctly to ensure your placements are approved. Please:

- Check your [Unifrog account](#) (Y10 & Y12 only) and email notifications.
- Respond to any outstanding reminders or requests for information.

If you are experiencing any issues or need further guidance, please get in touch with the Destinations Team as soon as possible.

Year Group	Date of Work Experience/Shadowing	Deadline for response
Year 7	22nd June 2026 (1 Day)	Google Form Completed by parents/carers by 23rd Feb 2026
Year 8	22nd June 2026 (1 Day)	Google Form Completed by parents/carers by 23rd Feb 2026
Year 9	27th March 2026 (1 Day)	Google Form Completed by parents/carers by 11th Feb 2026
Year 10	13th July - 17th July 2026 (1 Week)	Information logged on Unifrog by 31st March 2026
Year 12	6th July - 10th July 2026 (1 Week)	Information logged on Unifrog by 27th March 2026

## The New @CBSCDestinations Instagram Page

Are you keeping up with the latest career opportunities, apprenticeship news, and university updates?

Follow [@CBSCDestinations](#) on Instagram to stay informed about:

- **National Apprenticeship Week** highlights and videos.
- Upcoming **Careers Fairs** and **Unifrog** opportunities.
- Exclusive **work experience** and insight days.
- Advice on **CV writing** and university applications.

Don't miss out on vital information to help your child plan their future.

Follow us today: [@CBSCDestinations](#)





# Careers & Work Experience

## APPRENTICESHIPS OF THE WEEK

NEW!



**WARNER BROS.  
DISCOVERY**

If university isn't the path you're taking but you're looking for a qualification, our apprenticeships may be right for you. As an apprentice, you'll work full-time at a competitive salary. In turn, we'll pay for you to earn a professional qualification while giving you time off to attend college or training with your peers.

 **Now Live for Applications:**

- [Finance Apprenticeship \(London\)](#)

[Apply Now](#)

## British Army Careers Information



Deciding on next steps after school or college is a major milestone. If your child is exploring the British Army, we want to ensure you have all the information you need to support him with confidence.

### Find Out More

For full access to the webinar, the interactive recruitment map, and further guidance, please visit the [Army Careers Parent Hub HERE](#)

[Downloadable Careers Toolkit HERE](#)





# Careers & Work Experience

## Summer Schools 2026

### Year 10

This programme provides students with an opportunity to explore life as a university student. Through interactive academic sessions, engaging workshops, and meeting current SOAS students, Year 10 pupils will develop key skills and learn more about university life.

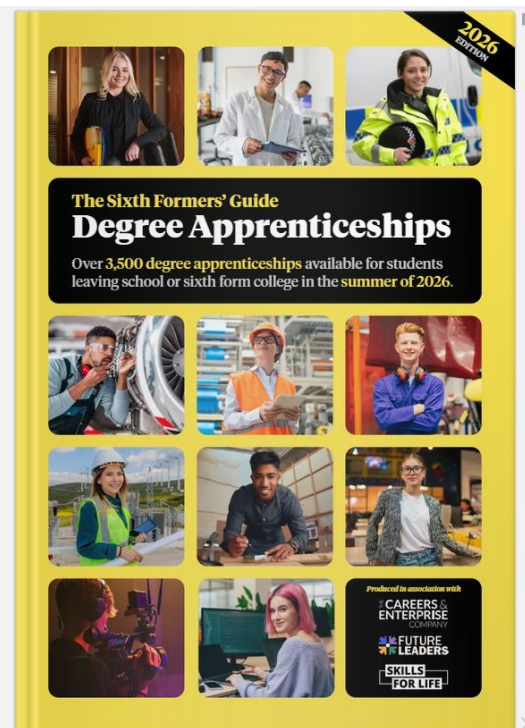
- Dates TBC (end of June 2026)
- Held on SOAS campus

### Year 12

During the summer school students will attend lectures delivered by leading academics, debate key issues, meet new people and find out more about university life and the UCAS process.

- Monday 13 July - Friday 17 July
- Held on SOAS campus

[Expression of interest form](#)



<https://degreeapprenticeships.guide/>

**New 2026 Edition**

## The essential guide to degree apprenticeships

Your free 120-page guide to how degree apprenticeships offer a debt-free alternative to a traditional university degree - for sixth form students, parents, teachers and careers advisers.



# Careers & Work Experience

## NESO Virtual Work Experience February Half Term

February Half Term Virtual Work Experience Day with NESO be shared with students who are looking to get into the STEM / Engineering sector. NESO is part of the UK Government, is publicly owned and has a core responsibility for the entire distribution of the UK's electricity and gas supply. They have some fantastic student programmes on offer this year and this work experience day will give students a unique insight to the work they do.

Register **HERE**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NESO\\_Engineering](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NESO_Engineering)



## Virtual Sessions with a Leading European Bank - 18th February 4.30-5pm

Check out the range of apprenticeship opportunities opening on the 10th of February at BNP Paribas and join them for a special webinar to find out more.

There's a range of level 3 and 4 apprenticeship roles available across the business, including:

- Investment Operations Specialists
- Human Resources Support
- Paralegal Officer
- Software Developer
- Compliance & Risk Officer

To help you with your application, BNP Paribas are hosting two virtual sessions where you can learn more about the roles available, CV and application tips, and hear from current apprentices.

Register **HERE**

[BNP Paribas Apprenticeships link](#)

Online Events

## VIRTUAL SESSIONS WITH A LEADING EUROPEAN BANK



BNP PARIBAS





# Careers & Work Experience

## Work Experience Opportunities

We have shared some work experience opportunities below.

Please ensure you have read the eligibility criteria carefully on these pages before applying.

Company / Organisation	Sector	Year 10 Eligibility	2026 Key Dates / Deadlines	Direct Link
<b>Imperial College London</b>	STEM / Science	Yes (Y10 Only)	Apply by <b>March 11, 2026</b>	<a href="#">Apply Here</a>
<b>National Archives (Kew)</b>	Culture / History	Yes (Y10–13)	<b>Feb 13 &amp; 20, 2026</b> (Urgent!)	<a href="#">Apply Here</a>
<b>Williams Racing (F1)</b>	Engineering	Yes (Ages 14–18)	Opens <b>February 2026</b>	<a href="#">Apply Here</a>
<b>British Airways</b>	Aviation	Yes (Ages 14–18)	Ongoing (via Speedbird-Z)	<a href="#">Apply Here</a>
<b>City of London Corp</b>	Government/Business	Yes (School Age)	Rolling / Ongoing	<a href="#">Apply Here</a>



# Careers & Work Experience

## REACH YOUR POTENTIAL: WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

If you're in Y12/13, join our free programme to build skills, gain confidence, and boost your chances of success!

Scan to apply in just 5 minutes — every student is guaranteed a place!



🎵 📷 in : **FutureLeadersUK**

[contact@futureleaders.uk](mailto:contact@futureleaders.uk) [www.futureleaders.uk](http://www.futureleaders.uk)





# National Apprenticeships Week 2026

This week is **National Apprenticeship Week**, we want to actively share a curated set of resources and links that can be used now, later this term, or saved for future planning.

Below are 3 guides from Holly Hobbs, previously of Apprentivia and now **urfuture** [The Job App for Young People | urfuture](#)

- [A Parent's Guide to Apprenticeships](#)
- [Interviews That Impress](#)
- [The Guide to Securing a Competitive Apprenticeship](#)

## Student Friendly Guides

### Find an Apprenticeship (Gov.uk)

Official site for browsing real vacancies.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

### Sector Spotlights: Growth Areas in London:

Student insight into the industries seeing strong skills demand in the London area.

#### Health & Life Sciences

Overview + roles apprentices train for (NHS, labs, clinical support, data roles).

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/apprenticeships>

Paragon Skills – Health & Social Care Apprenticeship Guides

Includes explainer guides, pathways, blogs, and success stories useful for classes exploring roles such as Adult Care Worker, Healthcare Support Worker, etc.

[Specialist Care Apprenticeship Pathways \(Health & Social Care\)](#)

Amazing Apprenticeships – Subject Resources (Biology / PSHE / Health Contexts)

These include apprenticeship links to health careers and come with slides, posters, and classroom activities.

[Subject-led resources \(choose Biology or Health-related subjects\)](#)

#### Net Zero & Green Skills

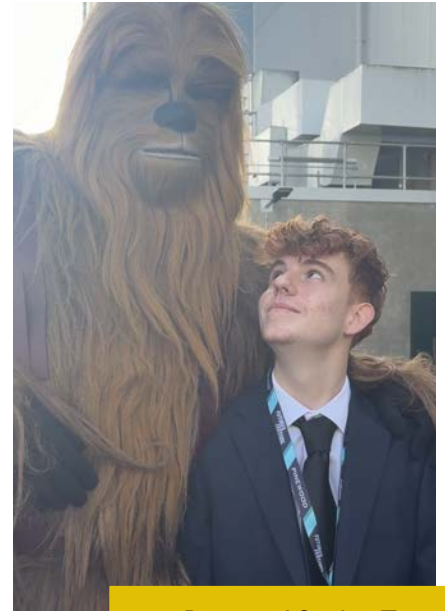
Sustainability, energy, environmental sciences and green construction pathways.

<https://instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/?search=environment>

#### Creative & Digital

Film, media, gaming, UX, digital marketing, software and broadcast production.

[Apprenticeships - Creative Careers](#)



Pinewood Studios Trip



## Skills in Action Videos - Tutor Time

[Skills in Action - EDF Energy 2025](#)

[Skills In Action - Co-op 2025](#)

[Apps in Action - BBC 2024](#)

[Apps in Action - The Royal Air Force 2024](#)

[Apps in Action - Hardy Accounting 2024](#)

To celebrate National Apprenticeship Week 2026, we shared the "Skills in Action" video series (links in the table). These short films provide a fantastic window into the world of apprenticeships, showcasing the real-world skills students develop on the job. We encourage students and parents/carers to watch these at home to gain a better understanding of the diverse career pathways available today.

[To find out more, find all the videos on the National Apprenticeship Week Website HERE](#)



# Student Finance Webinars



SCHOOLS & COLLEGES NEWSLETTER.

*Student Finance*

University of Portsmouth is reaching out to ensure you have the financial roadmap ready for your next big step. Applying for university is an exciting milestone, but they know that the "money talk" can often feel like the most daunting part of the process.

To help you stay ahead of the game for your **September 2026 entry**, here is everything you need to know to get your funding sorted without the stress.

## Key Dates for Your Diary

Timing is everything when it comes to Student Finance. Missing deadlines can lead to delays in receiving your maintenance loan, so keep these windows in mind:

- **March 2026:** Applications for student finance typically open.
- **End of May 2026:** This is the vital "priority deadline." To ensure your money is in your bank account for the start of your first term, you should aim to have your application submitted by this date.

## Resources to Simplify the Process

We don't expect you to figure this out alone. Whether you're a student trying to understand repayment rates or a parent wondering how the household income assessment works, Portsmouth have created tools to help:

- [The Student Loans Guide link HERE](#) A comprehensive manual for students, parents, and advisers designed to strip away the jargon and make the process manageable.
- **Expert Webinars:** Join us for a live, step-by-step walkthrough of the application process.  
**Upcoming Webinar: Students' Guide to Student Finance**
  - **When:** Tuesday 17th March, 4:00 PM
  - **What:** A deep dive into tuition fees, maintenance loans, and how to apply.
  - **Action:** [Book your place here](#)

## Why Get Ahead?

Applying early means one less thing to worry about during your final exams. You don't even need a confirmed place at university to start your finance application—you can use your preferred choice and update it later if your plans change.

We look forward to potentially welcoming many of you to the coast in 2026!



# AimHigher Trips

## Year 10 Trip to The University of Reading

This January 20 year 10 students had the opportunity to visit the University of Reading as part of the Reading Scholars programme. On their school visit students had a campus tour of all the state-of-the-art facilities and spoke to different ambassadors about their experience of university life. Students especially loved seeing the beautiful green campus and asking current students questions about their studies.

They were also introduced to the Scholars programme which they will take part in for the next couple months. During the programme students will receive study skills sessions on a variety of topics from synthesising information, citing sources, and critical thinking. They will all create an independent project on any topic of their choosing and it will be displayed at the University of Reading for their graduation ceremony in April. So far all the participants have stretched themselves and shown great independence in their work, especially at their first in school session last month. We are all looking forward to seeing their creative and unique final projects!





# Unifrog Subject Discovery Fair

**unifrog**  
**SUBJECT**  
**DISCOVERY FAIR**

From finance to nursing, law to creative arts, and engineering to teaching, get all your questions answered by the experts!

**Wednesday 18 March, 4pm - 6:30pm**

scan to sign up

[Sign Up Link HERE](#)



# Post 16 College and Apprenticeship Applications

As we move further into the spring term, many of our students have been busy securing their next steps for September. Mrs Bonfante has been working her magic, and has been working closely with our SEN pupils and those applying for college placements to ensure their transition is as smooth as possible.

**However, there are two vital areas where we need parental support to ensure no student misses out on their preferred placement:**

## 1. Accepting Conditional Offers

Many students have successfully received conditional offers but have not yet formally accepted them. This is often because the full content of the college email has not been read.

- **Action Required:** Please ask your child to check their emails (including junk folders) and follow the instructions to "Accept" their offer immediately. I have been contacting colleges to secure places, but the responsibility ultimately lies with the student to confirm their intent to attend.

## 2. The "Plan B" for Apprenticeships

For students pursuing an apprenticeship, colleges strongly advise having a contingency plan. Securing an apprenticeship is competitive and not guaranteed.

- **Action Required:** Any student applying for an apprenticeship should also apply for and select a full-time college course as a backup. This ensures they have a confirmed place in education regardless of the apprenticeship outcome.

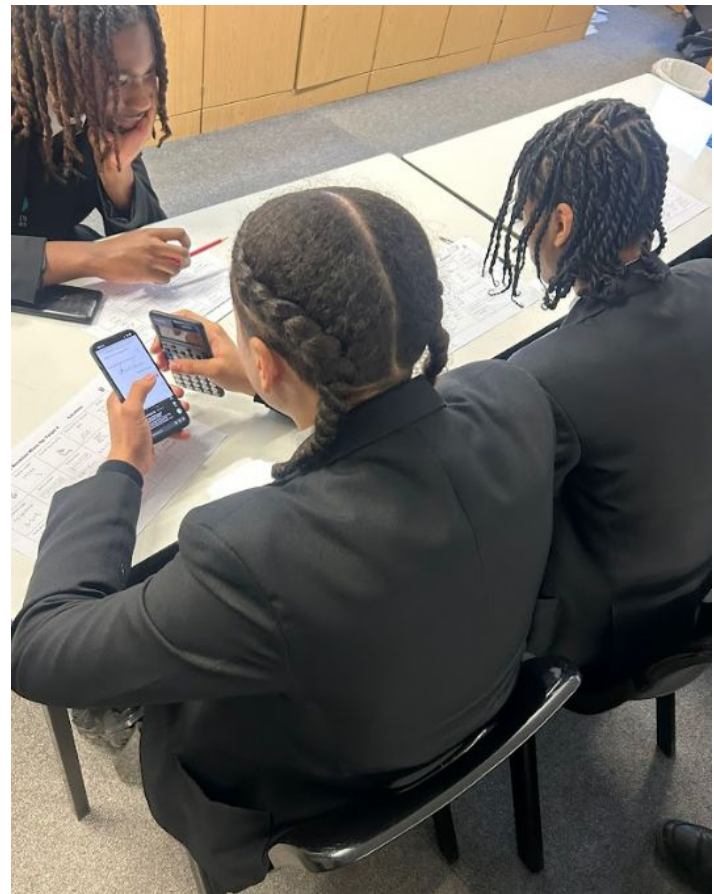
## 3. Monitoring Communications

Colleges will frequently request further information via email, such as:

- Up-to-date CVs.
- Details of companies where students have found potential apprenticeship leads.
- Colleges must vet any company providing an apprenticeship to ensure it is safe and suitable.

Please encourage your child to check their emails daily. Missing a request for information could result in their application being withdrawn.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.





# Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge



## Jack Petchey's "SPEAK OUT" Challenge!

They say that words have power, and over the last term, our students have been proving exactly that. We are incredibly proud to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and sheer bravery shown by those participating in this year's **Jack Petchey Foundation "Speak Out" Challenge**.

Public speaking is often cited as one of the most daunting tasks a young person can face, but our students have risen to the occasion. It has been a true highlight of the term to watch them transform raw ideas and personal reflections into articulate, high-impact speeches.

We are now officially in the final stages of the challenge. The progress made from the initial workshops to these polished performances has been remarkable. Our students haven't just learned how to project their voices; they've learned how to structure an argument, engage an audience, and speak with authentic passion.

The "finish line" is now firmly in sight, and we cannot wait to see our finalists take to the stage. They are ready to show the wider community exactly what Carshalton Boys can achieve when they find their voice.



# Why Handwriting Matters

In our previous newsletter, we highlighted our school-wide focus on handwriting and student presentation. At the start of this half-term, we officially launched our **N.E.A.T.** practice. We are asking all students to ensure their work meets the following four pillars:

- **N** – Nice & Tidy
- **E** – Easy to Read
- **A** – Accurate
- **T** – Teacher Ready

## The N.E.A.T. Checklist

To achieve these standards, we require all students to follow these ten essential presentation rules:

- Write in blue or black pen only.**
- The date** must be at the top of every piece of work.
- The title** must be clearly stated at the top.
- Underline** both the date and title using a ruler.
- Draw diagrams in pencil** and label them in pen.
- Correct mistakes** by crossing through with a single neat line.
- Maintain a clean page:** No Tippex, scribbles, or graffiti.
- Use a green pen** for all corrections and feedback responses.
- Glue inserts neatly:** Ensure no edges overlap the page.
- Take pride:** Always ask yourself, "Is my work N.E.A.T.?"

## How You Can Help

To support this initiative, please ensure your child has a **complete stationery set** (including a ruler, pencil, and blue/black pen). If you have any difficulty providing this equipment, please contact your child's tutor in confidence so we can assist. Thank you for helping us maintain the highest standards of excellence at CBSC.

### Is your work N.E.A.T.?

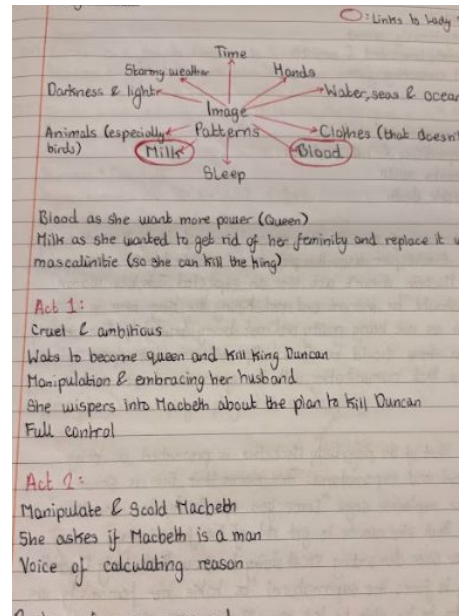
- **Nice and tidy:** is your work organised?
- **Easy-to-read:** are your letters and numbers clear?
- **Accurate:** is your spelling, punctuation and grammar correct?
- **Teacher ready:** is your work meeting your teacher's expectations?



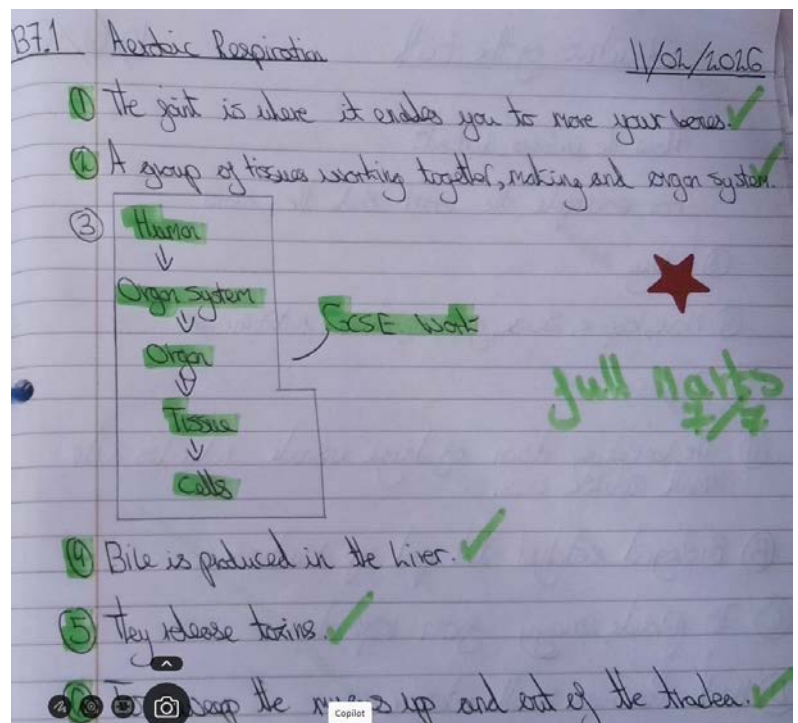
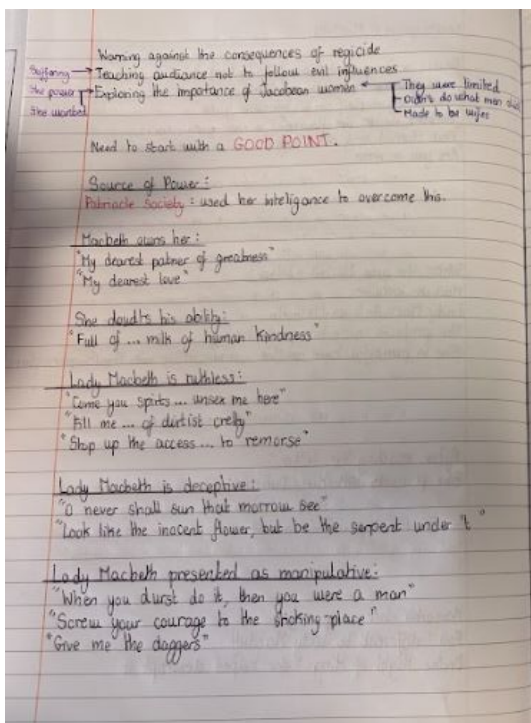
# Why Handwriting Matters

## Expectations for presentation

1. Write in a **blue** or **black** pen.
2. The date must be at the top of each piece of work.
3. The title must also be at the top of each piece of work.
4. The date and title must be underlined with a ruler.
5. Diagrams are drawn in pencil and labelled in pen.
6. Cross out mistakes with one line only.
7. No Tippex, scribbles, or graffiti.
8. Green pen must be used for corrections
9. If you are asked to glue something in, it must be stuck in neatly and not overlap the edge of the page.
10. Take pride in your work and ask yourself, **is my work N.E.A.T.?**



## Some examples of AMAZING work





# Attendance

Associate Assistant Principal for Attendance  
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## Attendance Matters - Every Day Counts

Students have had an incredible start to the term. Their resilience has shone through, even during the usual run of colds and coughs, and we're proud of the commitment they've shown by continuing to come into school.

Attendance is key to securing success and building the life skills needed for the future. To celebrate students' efforts, we've enjoyed hot chocolate mornings, special surprises, and plenty of chances to win in our end-of-term raffle.

As we move through the school year, please take a moment to check your child's current attendance. Use the table below to see how many hours of learning can be lost over a full year. Every day truly makes a difference.

Please encourage your child to return after Half Term aiming for as close to 100% attendance as possible so we can give them all the support they need to thrive. If you require any help or guidance, your year team is always here to support you.



## Attendance Throughout a Whole School Year

% Attendance	Days Attended	Days Absent	Hours of Lost Learning
100%	185	0	0
99%	183	2	10
98%	181	4	20
97%	179	6	30
96%	178	7	35
95%	176	9	45
94%	174	11	55
93%	172	13	65
92%	170	15	75
91%	168	17	85
90%	167	18	90
89%	165	20	100
88%	163	22	110
87%	161	24	120
86%	159	26	130
85%	157	28	140
84%	155	30	150
83%	154	31	155
82%	152	33	165
81%	150	35	175
80%	148	37	185



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## Reporting Absences

We recently changed the way that you report a student absent from school. Please see a reminder below.

**You will no longer be able to leave a voicemail message. Please DO NOT call the admin team or reception to report any form of student absence. Only report absences via email or MCAS**

To report a student absent from school, for any reason, please email [attendance@carshaltonboys.org](mailto:attendance@carshaltonboys.org) or send a message via the My Child At School app (MCAS).

### This includes messages regarding:

- a student who is going to be absent from school (please include the reason for the absence)
- a student has an appointment either on the day or in the future
- is going to be delayed in coming into school
- needs to leave early for an appointment (medical etc)

To confirm any communications relating to absence, appointments or lateness to school must be emailed to [attendance@carshaltonboys.org](mailto:attendance@carshaltonboys.org) or send a message via MCAS.

## Think Pharmacy First

Most pharmacies in England are now providing the Pharmacy First service.

This free NHS service allows you or your child to get quick access to healthcare advice for the following seven conditions:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)

If you or your child has symptoms that suggest you may have one of these conditions, you can walk into a pharmacy and be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room.

The pharmacist will provide advice and, if clinically necessary, a prescription medicine to treat the condition (the normal NHS prescription charge rules apply to people aged 16 and over).

### Think Pharmacy First!

Find out more by watching the [Pharmacy First animation](#) or visiting [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)





The Half Term In Photos



WE BELIEVE KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, BLACK LIVES MATTER, LOVE IS LOVE, FEMINISM IS FOR EVERYONE, NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL, BE GENTLE WITH THE EARTH, BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF, BE REALLY KIND



The Half Term In Photos





# Rambert & Brit School Drama Events

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On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> Feb a range of pupils from Y7&8 took part in a very exclusive workshop collaboration between the BRIT school and Rambert Dance Company. All pupils were incredibly polite, courteous, and show a highly engaged attitude throughout the session and represented Carshalton Boys exceptionally well. We very proud of all our pupils achievements in this workshop! Go Dance CBSC!





# Rambert & Brit School Drama Events





# Boxclever Theatre Event **boxclever**





# Sound Lounge Music Event

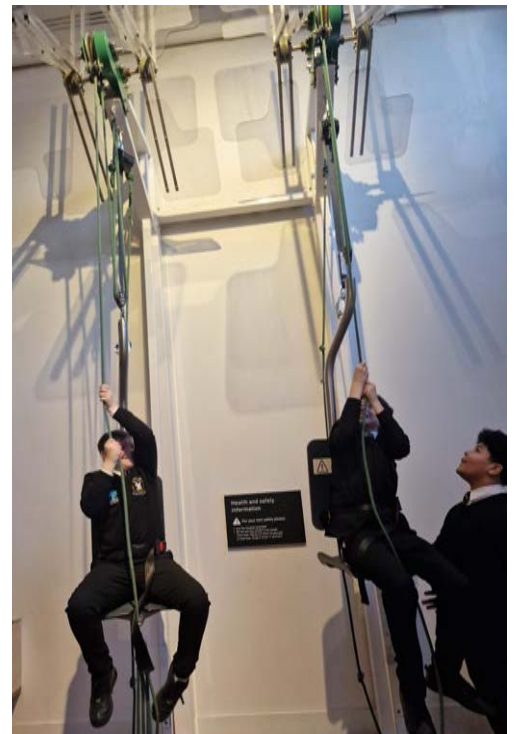




# Science Museum Trip

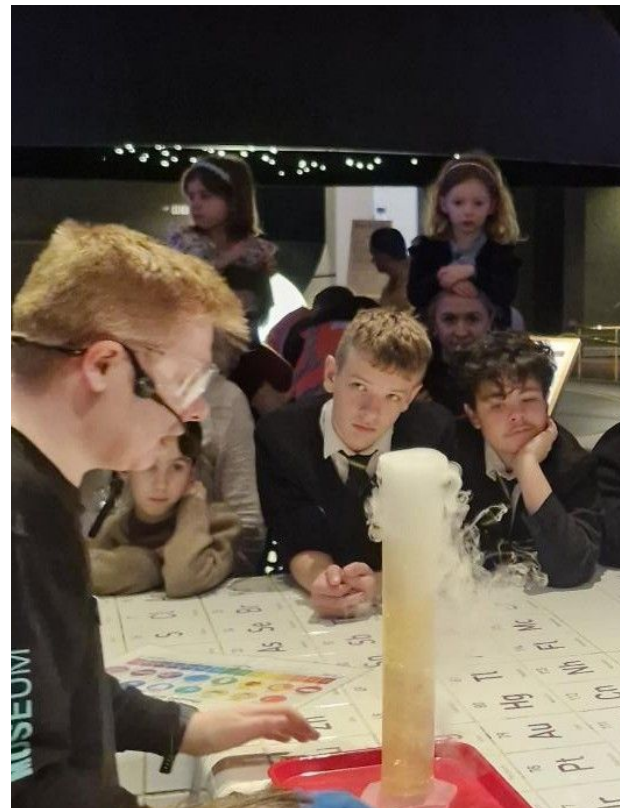
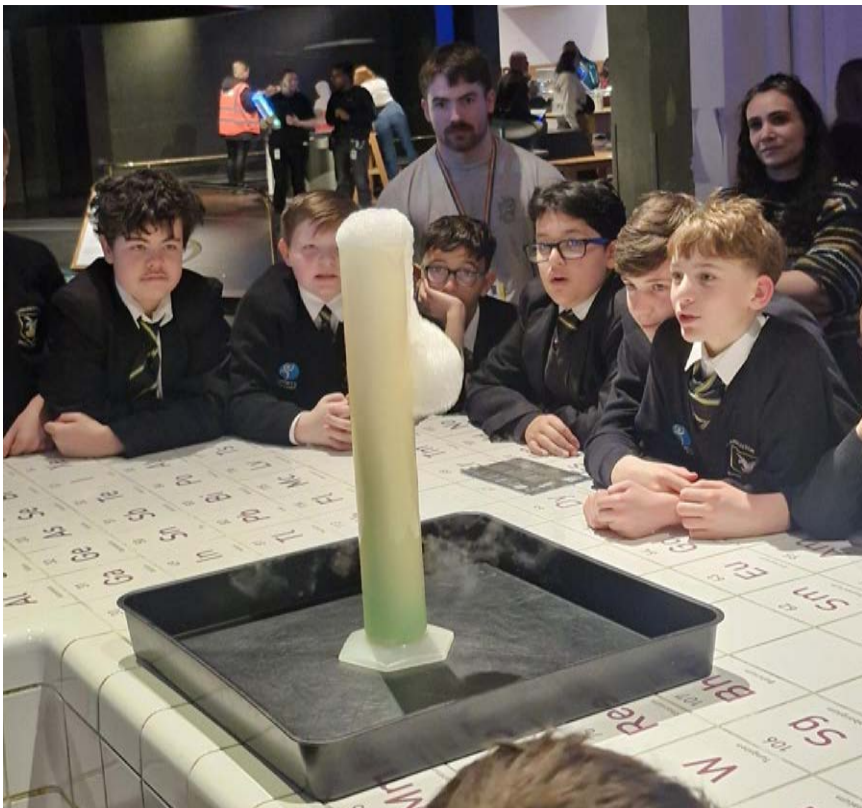
## Year 8 Trip

We had a lovely trip to the Science Museum with a great group of Year 8 students this term. They learned about a range of scientific concepts, including the solar system, electricity and compounds, during a visit to the Wonderlab. The students also watched a number of exciting chemistry experiments, including a 'volcanic eruption' created by mixing dry ice, water and washing-up liquid. The friction slides were a particular highlight, and the trip was a real success overall.





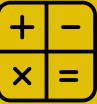
# Science Museum Trip





# Maths Update

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We have had an exciting and enriching period in the Maths Department, with pupils taking part in a range of activities designed to inspire and challenge them beyond the classroom.

## GCSE Maths in Action

Our Year 10 and Year 11 top sets recently visited the Emmanuel Centre in London to attend the GCSE Maths in Action event. Throughout the day, students took part in a series of high-energy, interactive talks led by mathematicians, educators, and industry experts. Some students even completed their Sparx maths during the commute.

The sessions explored a wide range of engaging topics, including randomness and statistics, mathematical patterns hidden in chessboards, the maths behind magic tricks and juggling, and fascinating stories from the history of mathematics. There was also a strong focus on exam success, with practical tips and strategies to help students approach their GCSE exams with confidence

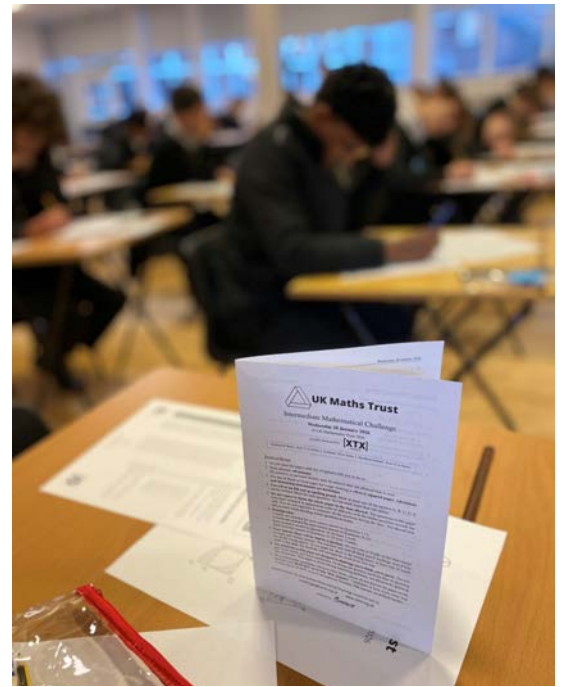
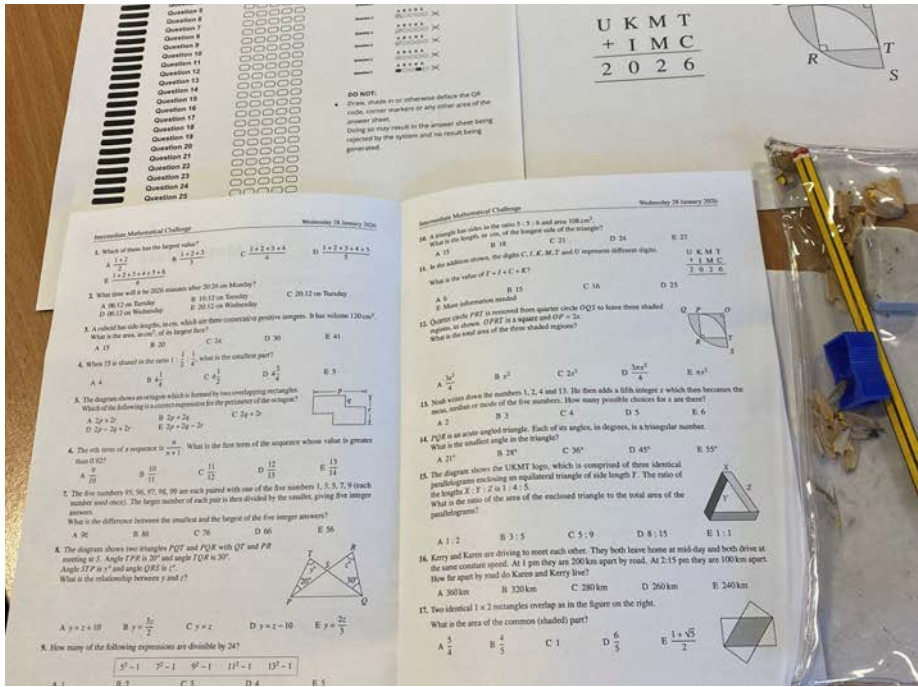
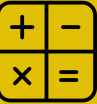
The boys represented the school brilliantly and had a great time, leaving the event inspired and with a deeper appreciation of how maths connects to the real world.





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## Intermediate Maths Challenge (IMC)

We were also proud to host the Intermediate Maths Challenge, where pupils from Years 9, 10, and 11 put their brains to the test. The challenge encouraged problem-solving, logical reasoning, and perseverance, pushing students to think creatively and mathematically under pressure.

It was fantastic to see so many pupils rise to the challenge and engage enthusiastically with some very demanding questions.

Well done to all the boys involved in these events for their effort, enthusiasm, and positive attitude towards mathematics. We look forward to many more opportunities to celebrate maths beyond the classroom.

**NEED HELP?**  
**Maths Club is on**  
**everyday in M04**  
**Lunchtimes**



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## Sparx Maths - January Achievement

We would like to share how incredibly proud we are of our students for their continued hard work and dedication to their Sparx Maths homework.

Since the start of the term, we have seen a fantastic level of engagement across all year groups. It has been wonderful to see so many students striving for 100% completion and taking real ownership of their learning.

We are delighted with these efforts—keep up the brilliant momentum!

Here are some of the highlights.

## Top Performing Students by Year Group

Year 7	XP Earned
<b>Harold J</b>	7,262 XP
<b>Ansar A</b>	5,642 XP
<b>Eric K</b>	5,295 XP
<b>Lucas Y</b>	4,735 XP

Year 7 shows excellent early engagement, with several students surpassing 5,000 XP already.

Year 8	XP Earned
<b>Stefan S</b>	7,563 XP
<b>Adam M</b>	7,496 XP
<b>Oliver P</b>	5,645 XP
<b>Richie M</b>	4,196 XP

Year 8 shows excellent early engagement, with several students surpassing 5,000 XP already.

Year 9	XP Earned
<b>Thanujan S</b>	5,909 XP
<b>Joshua C</b>	5,689 XP
<b>Jack R</b>	5,140 XP
<b>Taylor O</b>	4,677 XP

Year 9 students are performing extremely well, with multiple learners above 5,000 XP.

Year 10	XP Earned
<b>Clark A</b>	3,700 XP
<b>Alex G</b>	3,670 XP
<b>Oden L</b>	3,650 XP
<b>Harry E</b>	3,400 XP

Year 10 shows mixed engagement overall, but several students are clear standouts.



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Year 11	XP Earned
Jesse U	3,040 XP
Frederick W	2,935 XP
Harry R	2,925 XP
Matteo B	2,925 XP

Year 11 students show solid consistency in preparation for exams, with strong on-time homework habits.

## Year Group Insights & Trends

### ★ Highest Average XP

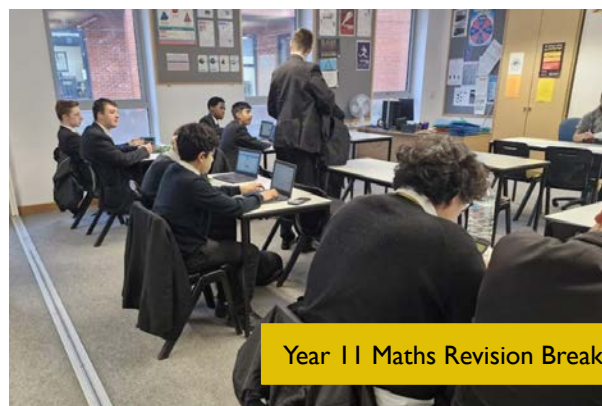
- Year 8 – 2,299 XP average per student (school-leading)

### ★ Best Homework Completion

- Year 7 – 71% average on-time completion
- Reg Group 07F – 80.7% on-time completion (highest of all groups!)

### ★ Most Improved Group

- Year 9 – Multiple students surpassing 5,000 XP, showing strong mid-year improvement.



Year 11 Maths Revision Breakfast



Year 11 Maths Revision Breakfast



# Half Term in Food Tech

## Year 9

Year 9 have been learning about nutrients and their function in Food Studies this term and our practical lessons have helped to reinforce their theory work. We have been really impressed with the outcomes that have been produced. Lots of fresh vegetables to ensure that they have a strong immune system during the winter months! Keep up the fantastic work Year 9.

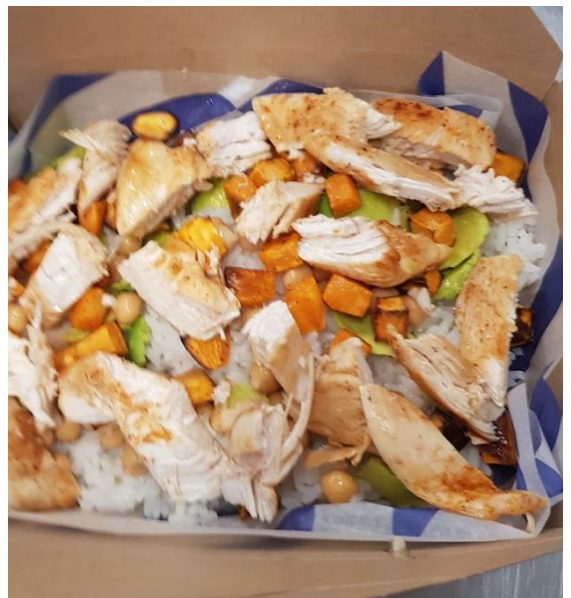
## Year 10

Year 10 have been looking at Nutrients in our Diet and learning about different Cooking Methods. We have been impressed with their practical work this term.





# Half Term in Food Tech





# This Half Term in PE

## KS3

Our KS3 students have been diving into their theory unit, building a strong foundation to enhance their practical performance. From mastering life-saving skills like CPR and the recovery position to exploring the components of fitness, students are gaining a deeper understanding of how the body responds to exercise. This unit doesn't just prepare them for lifelong physical activity; it also provides a vital head start for those considering GCSE PE. We've been incredibly impressed by their engagement and enthusiasm throughout the term.





# Student Sporting Success

## Table Tennis

Well done to the year 8 and 9 table tennis team who competed against Rutlish on Monday 2nd February. The year 8 team had a close encounter drawing the overall competition 5 - 5 in matches, however CBSC edging the tie in sets with a 19-17 victory. For the year 9 team the match was a little more comfortable with a 9-1 win in matches and a 27-5 win in sets. Well done to both teams, we look forward to many more fixtures. Regards Mr Lambert. Year 8 - Sam Hunter-Brook, Elliot Da Silva, Oscar Austin and Ollie Pate. Year 9 - Eddie Ayres, Jack Hawkins, Bernardo Faustino and Jack Robinson.

## Surrey Cross Country Championships

A number of students represented the school at the Surrey Cross country championships on Saturday 17th January. These boys had qualified through the Borough Cross Country Championships. There were notable performances with Austin Hudson (Year 11) coming 12th and therefore qualifying for the South East England Championships representing Surrey. Alex Vento (Year 10) as the younger age group in the same race finished an impressive 30th with over 100 competitors. Eddie Ayres (Year 9) also competed in the year 8 and 9 race and finished 50th out of 90 competitors. Well done to all 3 boys and their parents for their dedication to attend and compete in this event representing the school, their running clubs and the borough of Sutton.





# Jamie's Farm Trip

Who cares about a little rain and mud?

Our students certainly didn't! They recently returned from a spectacular trip to Jamie's Farm where they traded their phones for wellies. Even with the classic January weather, the energy stayed high. Highlights included mastering the art of farm-to-table cooking, a game of 'Hideout' under cover of darkness and getting up close and personal with the livestock. Beyond the farm chores, it was a wonderful opportunity for the group to reflect, recharge and notice skills they possess that they didn't know they had.





# Jamie's Farm Trip



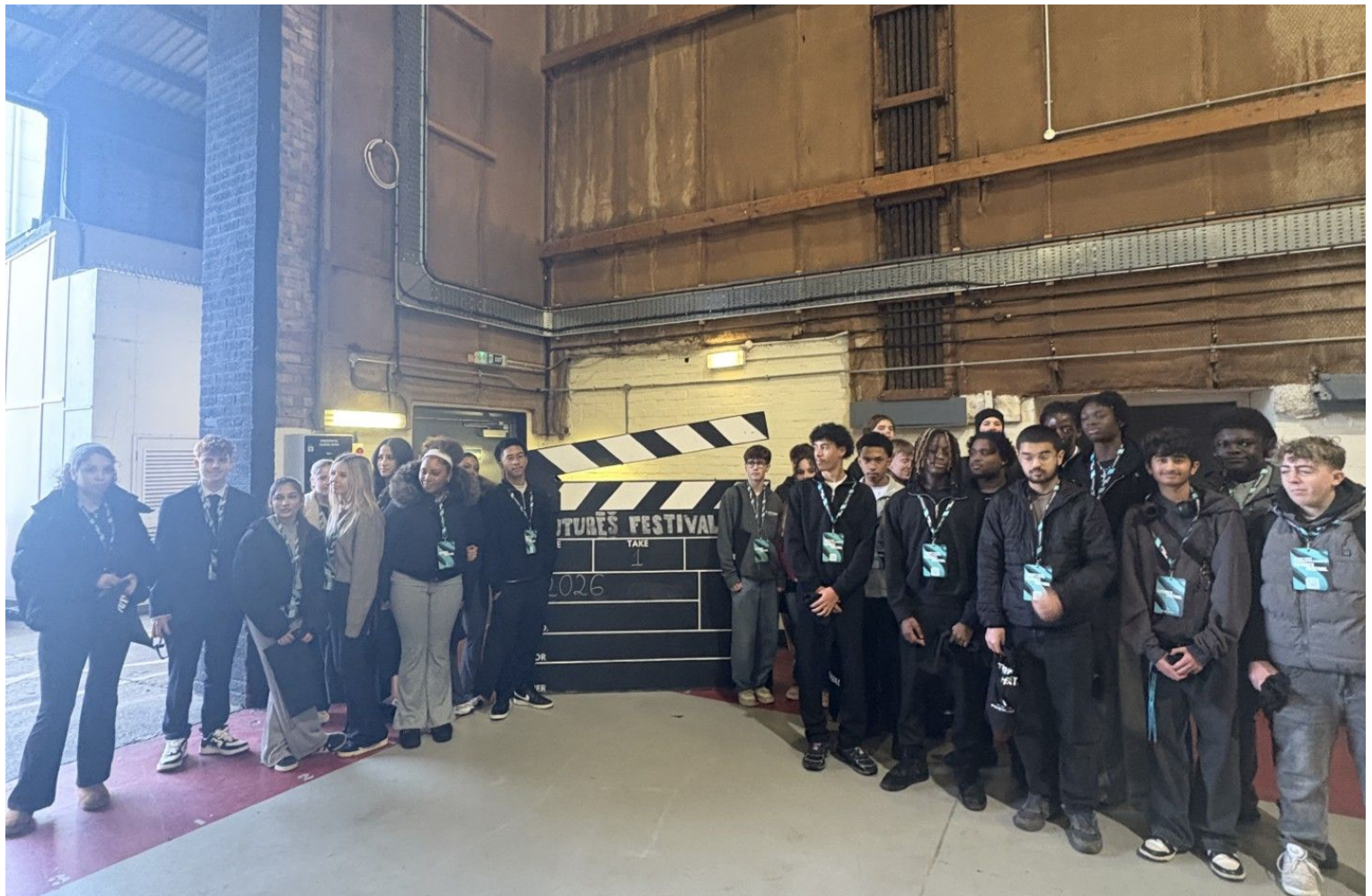


# Pinewood Studio Trip

## Media & Photography Trip

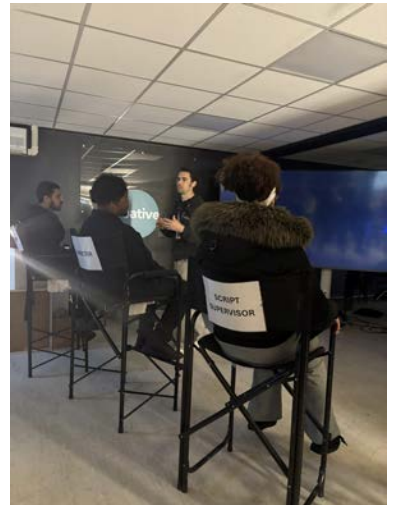
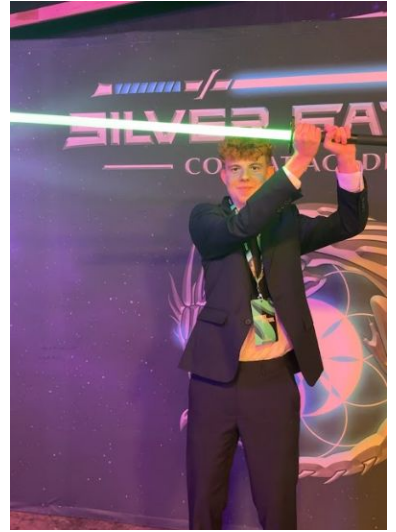
We took 25 of our Year 12 media & photography students to Pinewood Studios Futures Festival on Saturday 31st January and it was massively successful! So many amazing opportunity and a great experience for students to be fully immersed in an interactive industry environment.

A great day with a mini film set workshop students got to hands on take on the different production roles all sorts of other experiences with the exhibitors having VR, crane camera demos, CGI demos, lightsabre workshops, etc. Fall Guy Company presented a stunt demo for all people in attendance and even gave a shout out to Carshalton Boys! Students were excellent and all got involved in everything enthusiastically and massively proud of all of them. Big thank you to all students & staff who gave up their Saturdays to make this opportunity happen!!





# Pinewood Studio Trip





# Half Term Key Dates - 2025-26



**Disney Land Paris Trip**

Sunday 15th February - Wednesday 18th February

**Year 13 Mock Exams**

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th February

**Year 10 Parents Evening**

Thursday 26th February

**Exam Statement of Entry Assembly  
(all students sitting public exams)**

Monday 2nd March

**Year 10 Jack Petchey Regional Final**

Tuesday 3rd March

**Year 11 Drama Practical Exam**

Thursday 5th March

**Year 12 & 13 Theatre Trip**

Wednesday 4th March

**World Book Day**

Thursday 5th March

**Directions & Destinations Day**

Friday 6th March

**Warner Bros Trip**

Monday 9th March

**Year 8 Pathways Evening**

Thursday 12th March

**Languages Oral Mock Exams**

Monday 16th March - Friday 20th March

**Year 11 Parents Information Evening Webinar**

Wednesday 25th March

**Year 8 Parents Evening**

Thursday 26th March

**Year 9 Work Shadowing Day**

Friday 27th March

**Jamie's Farm Trip**

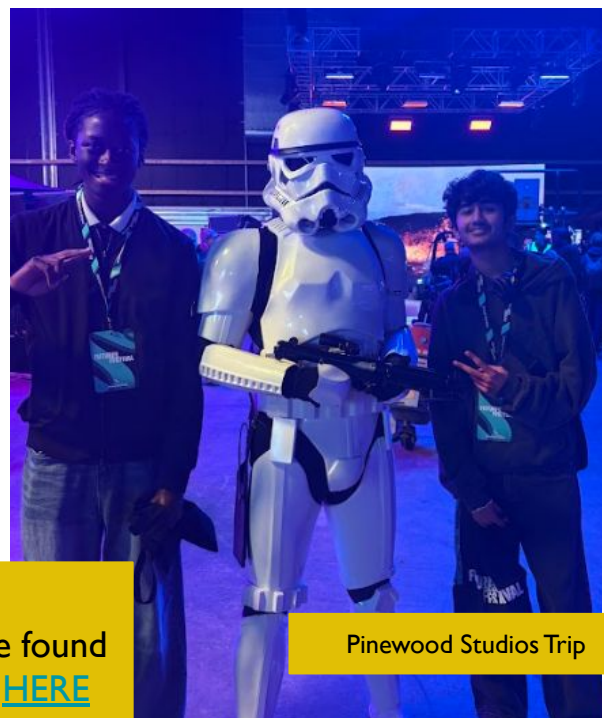
Tuesday 24th March - Friday 27th March

If you have any questions, please email

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Sound Lounge Music Event



Pinewood Studios Trip

Exams info can be found on our Website [HERE](#)



# School Calendar 2025-26



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- Teaching Days
- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- CPD Days (All Staff in School)
- CPD (TOIL)
- Yr's 7 and 12 Induction Days
- All students in school at 8.30am
- October Half Term - Additional week with supervised study area



# Further Information

## CBSC Vacancies

Would you like to join the CBSC team?

All CBSC vacancies are shared on the CBSC website [HERE](#)

Current vacancies (links to pages below)

- [Bank Exam Invigilators](#)

## Policies

All policies can be found on our website [HERE](#)

If you have any questions about our policies, please email [Contact@carshaltonboys.org](mailto:Contact@carshaltonboys.org)

## School Uniform Bank



Please see here a link to a school uniform bank that can offer support to families who are having difficulties and they also need second hand uniform so at last we may have somewhere to send all of our lost property!

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/w/school-uniform-cost>

**For the latest News/Events information, please visit the following:**



[Instagram](#)



[Threads](#)



[Bluesky](#)

[CBSC Website News & Events Page](#)

If you have any News to share about your child, for example, they have won a sporting competition, or done something amazing for charity, and you would like this to be shared in our Newsletter, Website or Social Media platforms, please email some details of this and photos to [news@carshaltonboys.org](mailto:news@carshaltonboys.org)



# Reigate & Redhill Festival

**RR**: Reigate  
Redhill &  
Festival

Celebrating Performance  
in Music and Drama



<https://rrfestival.org/>

## Enter now!

**Join us for Reigate and Redhill Festival: a fun and friendly celebration of music, speech and drama.**

- For children and adult amateur musicians:
  - Brass, Choirs, Classical Guitar, Group Music, Harp & Clarsach, Piano & Organ, Strings, Vocal, Woodwind (inc. Recorders)
- Concerto Competition for musicians aged 20 and under
- Rock, Pop and Urban for soloists and groups, aged 10 to 19
- Speech and Drama for Reception to Year 13

See our online syllabus for details of over 250 competitive and non-competitive entry categories.

**Festival dates:**  
28 April–22 May 2026

Entries from £5



**Entries close: 25 February 2026**



# BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF



## RESPECT

- Respect ourselves
- Respect each other
- Respect our environment
- Respect our community



## RESILIENCE

- Push through your difficulties
- Learn from your experiences
- Face challenges head on



## RESPONSIBILITY

- Own your behaviour
- Own your learning
- Own your actions
- Own your mistakes

WE BELIEVE

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