

Principal: Ms Melissa Gibson, MA, MPhil

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Families,

This week has marked the start of a busy and exciting period for the school, with three successful Open Mornings already taking place. It has been a pleasure to welcome prospective students and their families into school, giving them the opportunity to meet staff and students, explore our facilities and gain an insight into school life. With further Open Mornings and Open Evenings planned over the coming weeks, we look forward to continuing to showcase all that our school has to offer.

We were pleased to welcome Year 7 and Year 12 families to our Meet the Tutor event. The evening gave families the chance to connect with tutors, learn more about curriculum and expectations for the year ahead, and gain a clearer understanding of how students will be supported with their learning and progress throughout the year.

Continuing our programme of events for families, we also hosted our Year 11 Information Sharing event. The evening provided an opportunity to share important information about the year ahead, including the curriculum, key dates, upcoming assessments and the support available as students prepare for their GCSE examinations.

Looking ahead to next week, Year 12 students will begin their early assessments. We encourage all Year 12 students to prepare carefully, make full use of the support available and approach the assessments with confidence.

Punctuality

As part of our renewed focus on punctuality, we are asking all students to be in school by 8:35am and in tutor time by 8:40am each morning. To support this, both the front and back gates will now close promptly at 8:35am.

Arriving on time is vital to ensure students make the very best start to their day and are fully prepared for learning. We greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home.

Year 6 Open Mornings

Monday 21st – 23rd Sept at 9:15am – 10:30am

Monday 28th – 30th Sept at 9:15am – 10:30am

Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 1st Oct at 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Yours faithfully,



Melissa Gibson
Principal

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Meet the Tutor event

On Monday, Year 11 students and their parents/carers came along to an Information Evening aimed at preparing students for their exam year. On Tuesday, Year 7 and Year 12 students and their parents/carers came along to meet the form tutors. It was great to see so many families attending these events and lovely to meet many parents for the first time.



Personal Development and Futures Day

Thank you to Ms James, Mr Griffiths and Mr Hibbs for organising an engaging drop down day for all our students on Thursday.

Open Mornings

It's been wonderful to meet the families that have come along to our Open Mornings this week. Open mornings continue for the next two weeks, Monday to Wednesday and, if you're looking for a Year 7 place for September 2027, please do come along and visit us.

Mrs Ruth Holden,
Executive Principal
Ms Melissa Gibson,
Principal



If you're looking for a Secondary school for your child in September 2027, come along and visit our amazing school.

OPEN MORNINGS

Mon 21st to Wed 23rd Sept
Mon 28th to Wed 30th Sept
Please arrive at 9.15am

We would love to meet you

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 1st October

4.00pm to 6.00pm

OPEN SATURDAY

Saturday 10th October

Please arrive at 9.15am

Sixth Form News

We have enjoyed another successful week, including our Personal Development and Futures Day. Representatives from Queen Mary University of London delivered an informative session covering UCAS applications, apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships. The entire day focused on careers and future pathways, giving students valuable guidance to help them make informed decisions about their next steps. Students are now settling into their studies and getting into a positive routine. We encourage everyone to maintain high standards, remain

organised and make effective use of their independent study time.

A few important reminders:

- **Mobile phones must not be used in non-designated spaces.**
- **Arriving on time to school and lessons is essential. Strong attendance and punctuality are key to achieving positive academic outcomes.**
- **Year 12 enrichment activities will begin on Wednesday 30th September 2026. Further information will be shared with students shortly.**

If you're looking for a Sixth Form place in September 2027

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 19th November . 4-6pm

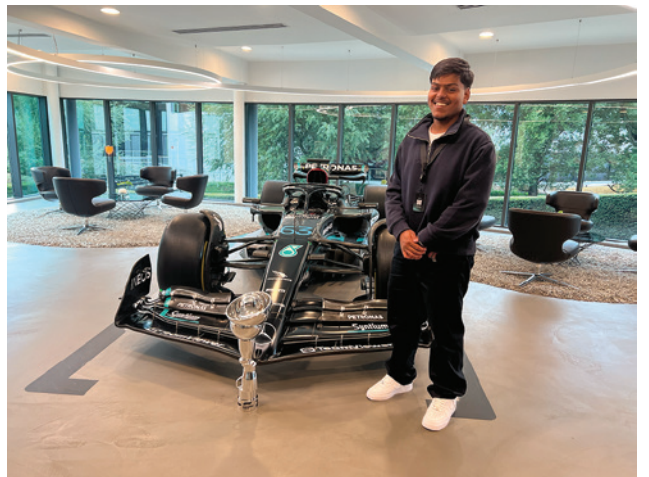
Save the date and come along!

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Pride winners reward trip

On Friday 11th September, 12 students from cohort 4 and STEM Academy Pride Award winners were invited to Mercedes Benz Grand Prix in Brackley along with their parents/carers for a tour of the factory. It was a fantastic day, and really interesting to learn about the process of designing and creating their amazing F1 cars.



Drop Down Day

On Thursday all students took part in a Personal Development and Futures Day with each year group doing a series of activities and workshops exploring different issues such as child exploitation and diversity, as well as sessions on Maximising Success and Unifrog.



Year 7 House Landmark trips

On Friday morning, the whole of Year 7 visited their House landmarks. It was not only a great opportunity to explore the city of London but also a chance to get to know each other better. It was a fantastic morning and we loved sightseeing with our House groups. Here are a few photos...



Dof E Expedition

Twenty-one, Year 10 students completed their Bronze assessed Duke of Edinburgh expedition, after it was postponed last summer. They hiked for two days in Epping Forest, carrying all of their things to camp overnight. They had only a compass and a map to guide themselves through the complex trail system of Epping Forest. They were an excellent group and finished much faster than expected! We are looking forward to them doing their Silver award.



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- Activ4 representative
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- Full comprehensive insurance

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The trip is organised by **activ school tours**

NOTICES

Is your child a young Carer?

If they are, please contact school as there is support that can be put in place.

If your child has a medical condition, please make sure up to date medication is in school