

CONTACT

No. 1703 – Friday 3rd October 2025

As we start October, the weather continues to be unpredictable throughout the day. To ensure students stay comfortable and healthy, we kindly remind you to ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat or jacket each day.

Last night we held our external Sixth Form open evening which was a fantastic evening, and it was lovely to see so many new students visiting us. It was great to see lots of students and families coming to explore our facilities and talk to teachers about future subject choices for Year 12. We look forward to seeing our own year 11 students at our **Internal Sixth Form Open Evening and Study Skills on Wednesday 22nd October.**

Today, all the teachers and some support staff from across The Assisi Catholic Trust of schools gathered at St Thomas More. The day started with an address by Raymond Friel, a renowned Catholic speaker who asked us to reflect on the link between the pillars of Catholic social teaching, our curriculum and the world our children are growing up in. He reminded us that as Catholic educators; we are called to shape our schools where these values root and flourish. We also had the opportunity to celebrate Mass together, led by Fr. Damien Wade. Thank you to everyone who made this such an enriching day for staff.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Simple Lunch and Non-Uniform Day: Thank you to all who supported our CAFOD Family Fast Day Simple Lunch yesterday. It is an



important act of solidarity in which we stand with our global brothers and sisters around the world experiencing food shortages. We have managed to raise £135 and £1,116.47 from our CAFOD Non uniform day which also took place yesterday. A special thank you to Mrs McKenna and the Caritas Team for organising and promoting the day.



Monday 6th October 2025 Non-pupil days: School is closed to all students on Monday 6th October for our own staff training day.

6th Form Success Evening – Yrs. 12&13: This is taking place on **Thursday 9th October 2025 at 6pm**, full details have been sent out to 6th form students and their families.

Yr. 7 Welcome Mass: This takes place on **Thursday 16th October 2024 at 5.30pm**, we will celebrate together followed by refreshments. A letter has been sent out to year 7 families today with full information about this important evening.

Prayer of the Week

St Francis of Assisi prayer for a firm vocation

Most High, Glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of our minds.

Give us a right faith, a certain hope and a perfect charity,
so that we may always and in all things act according to Your Holy Will.

AMEN.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 17:5-10

Artwork: Exhortation to the Apostles (1886-1894) by James Tissot



This week we continue with the Gospel according to St Luke. Here the apostles ask Lord Jesus Christ, “Increase our faith!” It’s a short, honest prayer, and maybe one that sounds familiar. If you haven’t asked for this you might have asked for similar, “Increase our knowledge” “help me get better at sport” “how can I grow as a person?”. Like them, we all face moments when our abilities in an area we are passionate about feels small, especially when life challenges us or we’re

asked to do something difficult. When the Lord Jesus Christ responds to the apostles, He says that even faith as small as a mustard seed can grow.

Lord Jesus also goes on to speak about a servant doing his duty. At first glance, it may sound harsh, but what He’s telling them (and us) is that faith isn’t just about belief, it’s about action. When we live our faith by doing the work God calls us to do — studying with purpose, teaching with love, helping those in need, or simply showing kindness — we grow.

Growing in faith works alongside growing as a person. It means recognising that your talents are gifts from God. Developing those gifts is part of your mission. Whether it’s excelling in academics, music, sports, or helping others, you’re called to grow not for your own success alone, but to build up the community around you.

So this week, let’s echo the apostles’ prayer: “Lord, increase our faith.” Not just so we can believe more, but so we can do more with the gifts we’ve been given. Humbly, faithfully, and always for the good of others.

Max Morris, Lay Chaplain

Chaplaincy News

Group prayer in the school chapel: We are continuing our schedule of group prayers in the chapel before and after school. This includes the Morning Divine office at 08:15AM, a 3 minute reflection (Loyola Press) at 08:30AM, Evening Divine office at 3:35PM, and Adoration once a week on Thursdays after school. Please come and join us, if you’re unsure on what these prayers entail, please speak to Max (the Lay Chaplain).

Benediction: On Thursday 23rd October immediately after school we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, however on this occasion we will also have Benediction to conclude the prayerful period. Please come and join us for hymns, group prayer, incense, reflections, and a special blessing. It will be a fantastic way to conclude the first half term. If you have any questions about what Benediction or Adoration is, please speak to the Chaplain.







THE CARITAS TEAM

The CARITAS Team: Our new extracurricular lunchtime group ‘*The CARITAS Team*’ continues to meet on a Wednesday lunchtime 1.30-2pm in E4. This new group combines our former CAFOD Team, SVP Group, and Guardians of the Garden into one unified team and new members are always welcome.



Our Assisi Catholic Trust Family

Schools	Parishes
 Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School and Nursery	Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joesph Msgr Kevin Hale
 St George's Catholic Primary School	St. George and The English Martyrs Fr. Brett
 Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School and Nursery	Sacred Heart of Jesus Fr. Graham
 St Helen's Catholic Primary School	Our Lady Helo of Christians and Saint Helen Fr. Alex
 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Our Lady of Canvey and English Martyrs Fr. Eamonn
 Holy Family Catholic Primary School	Holy Family and St Thomas More Fr. Eduard
 Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School	Our Lady of Ransom Fr Paul
 St Teresa's Catholic Primary School	Catholic Church of St. Teresa and the Child Jesus Fr. Gerry
 St Thomas More High School	St Peter's Fr. Jeff

Vacancies:

Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Benfleet, Essex – Headteacher to start April 2026 – <https://assisicatholictrust.com/>

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Canvey Island, Essex – LSA - [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Nursery -](#)

[Vacancies](#)

Parent Reminders and Student Information

Term Dates: Please find the [Term Dates 2025-26](#).

Calendar for Parents: can be accessed [here](#).

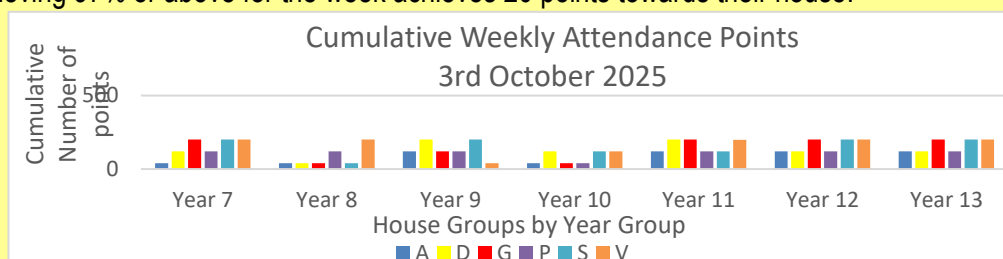


Absence: If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please notify the school of the reason for the absence on the first day of an unplanned absence by 9am or as soon as practically possible by calling the school and selecting attendance or by emailing attendance@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk



If the absence lasts more than one day, please update the school daily. Attending a medical or dental appointment will be counted as authorised if the pupil's parent/carer notifies the school in advance of the appointment. We encourage parents/carers to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary. You can request a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances by through school gateway or alternatively email attendance@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or by collecting a form from Reception. Please keep medical evidence of absence eg appointment cards or letters, copies of prescriptions, pharmacy receipts etc in case you need them to provide more details on your child's return to school.

House Attendance Points: The form with the highest attendance in the year group gets 100 points each week and every form achieving 97% or above for the week achieves 20 points towards their house.



Changes to Contact Details: If you have moved house, changed your email address, mobile telephone number or work contact number, etc. over the summer holiday, **please remember you can make these changes via your child's [School Gateway](#) account.**

Student Medical Conditions: Please ensure school is made aware of any updates regarding students medical conditions, particularly if they can potentially have an impact on their time in school and require support. Please contact Mrs Walford mwalford@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk if you wish to discuss your case in detail.

16–19 Bursary Fund – Support for Sixth Form Students

The Government's **16–19 Bursary Fund** is available to help students stay in education by covering costs such as travel, meals, books, equipment, and trips. There are two types of bursaries:

- **Vulnerable Student Bursary** – up to £1,200 for young people in care, care leavers, or those receiving certain benefits.
- **Discretionary Bursary** – for students facing financial hardship, awarded by the school based on household income and individual need.

To apply, parents/students should complete the bursary application form (available from the Sixth Form office or school website) and provide supporting evidence. For full details and eligibility, visit: www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund If you have questions or need help with the application, please contact our Sixth Form office.

Lights Required for cyclists: With the darker evenings drawing in, it won't be too long before it is dark at the end of the school day. This is a reminder to all cyclists to ensure your bike is equipped with proper lights. Riding with front and rear lights is not just essential for your safety, but it's also a legal requirement to help you stay visible to others on the road.

Please check:

- **Front Light:** A white light on the front of your bike.
- **Rear Light:** A red light on the back, plus a rear reflector if possible.
- **Visibility Gear:** Consider reflective clothing or accessories to further increase visibility.



Spotlight on Wellbeing and Keeping Safe

Please don't forget that staff are here for you and your children, and you can get in touch with Mrs Walford via welfare@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk if you need some support. Parental factsheets on various topics are available on our website under the Safeguarding section, [Parent Fact Sheets \(st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk\)](https://www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)

It's kick-off time again ⚽ EA FC 26 is out now. With updated teams and familiar gameplay, it's sure to be top of the wish list for many football fans, but beneath the slick presentation are some pitfalls that parents and educators should know about – especially in the game's online and spending features. Our guide this week gives you the latest on EA FC 26's Ultimate Team feature, how scammers can target young players, and what tools and settings can help keep children safe. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or a complete novice, it's worth a read

At The National College, our [WakeUpWednesday](#) guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 3

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfill long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/ea-sports-fc-26>

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Departmental News

Our Amazon Wishlist! Friends, family and alumni can donate directly to the school library. We still accept preloved copies from home you may wish to donate, but student and departmental requests for library stock can be found here.



The book wish list is chosen and updated by the Library team as texts that benefit the student's reading comprehension, engagement with the curriculum and foster an interest in reading. If students have overdue library books, you should have received an overdue notice and may be charged an overdue fee per book via Gateway. To have the overdue notice removed, students can return the book, pay the fee, or replace the missing book with a new copy.



Does your child need somewhere quiet to study with access to a computer to complete extended learning? We currently have two Study Clubs available: Study Club: Monday 3.30-4.30pm in CR3 overseen by Mrs Williams (open to all years). Veritas Mentors: Thursday 1.30-2.25pm in the Year 12 study room. The Veritas mentors idea is based on the plan on having an extended learning support group run by sixth form students who will be on hand to offer support if needed (open to key stage 3 students). Mrs Napper (Enrichment Coordinator)

8P Bake Sale: Thank you to everyone who supported 8P's bake sale on Tuesday. We managed to raise £104.72 for our sickle cell charity. Especially popular were Oscar's traditional shortbread and Benjamin's biscoff cupcakes. Thank you to all who contributed, especially the volunteers from 8P who helped to run the stall. Mr Millham



Science: Year 9 showed a vast array of creative ingenuity through the completion of their 'model of a cell' autumn project. The boys had free range over the chosen medium to represent their cell and I was blown away with some of the ideas they came up with. Here are some photos of their creations and a massive well done to all the boys for putting in so much effort. Some were even edible and certainly tasted as good as they look! - Mr. Jackson



Year 11 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Assessment- South Downs: The challenge awaiting a year 11 D of E group was a 40 mile, 3 day expedition, camping, hiking and cooking on the South Downs. The weather remained favourable which added to the beauty of the route undertaken. On Day 1 Beachy Head to Alfriston via Birling Gap. Day 2 Alfriston to House Deans Farm along the chalk ridge of the South Downs way. The final day from House Deans near Lewes to Devils Dyke via Pyecombe completed a



very impressive 3 days where the students showed great determination, stamina and spirit throughout. Well done to all and especially Ms Garcia Rey and Mr Millham for giving up their weekend to organise and ensure the trip ran smoothly. G Mason



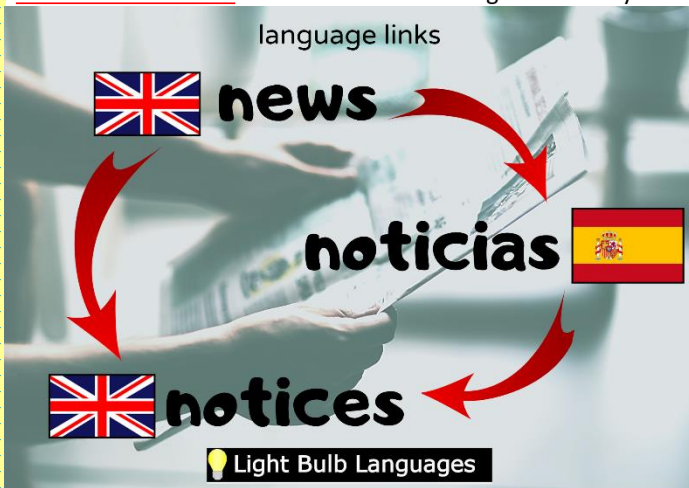
October TRIPLE Extended Learning Challenge for Art, DT and Food Tech: In this challenge we would like you to use skills learnt in Art, DT and Food Tech to complete a mini project. Your task is to Design and Make a food product and its packaging – this month we are looking for a CUPCAKE! An example of finished packaging can be found here https://www.youtube.com/shorts/3cPQoRvku_4. We would also like to see photos of the cupcakes too especially in the packaging! Here is a website for a cupcake recipe but feel free to use your own [Cupcake recipe | Good Food](#) – the cupcake can be any flavour of your choice!

If you send a photo (smnapper@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk) or bring in your finished product to show us and we will award you 3 MERITS and an Extended Learning Challenge Certificate. The A3 templates for the cupcake box are available from Mrs Napper in Food Tech

MFL Department's Word and Idiomatic Expression of the Week:

**Estar como una
cabra**

Literal translation in English: To be like a goat
When do we use it?: When someone is being a little crazy



Regalo

(reh-gah-loh)
Masculine Noun

In English: present

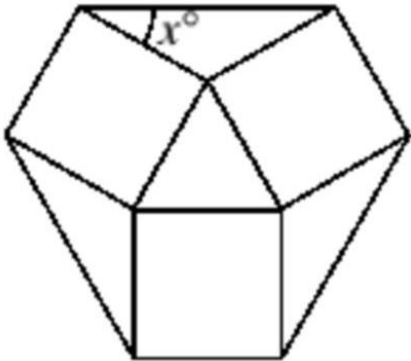
The October Celebrity Linguist Spotlight:



Feast Day: 22nd October

Name Pope Saint John Paul II
Career: Priest, Bishop, Pontiff
Languages spoken: Polish, Latin, English, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, French and German.
He also spoke some Tagalog, Japanese, Ukrainian and Russian!
Our former Pope's ability to speak so many languages (he was a polyglot) enabled him to travel across the world and spread the good news of God to people of all nations.
His love of language was especially useful as a young man when he ran an entire newspaper dedicated to our mother, Mary.

An equilateral triangle is surrounded by three squares, as shown.
What is the value of x ?



Maths Problem of the Week

Answer to last week's problem: 32

Poetry Corner No.78

Marked with D

When the chilled dough of his flesh went in an oven
not unlike those he fuelled all his life,
I thought of his cataracts ablaze with Heaven
and radiant with the sight of his dead wife,
light streaming from his mouth to shape her name,
'not Florence and not Flo but always Florrie.'
I thought how his cold tongue burst into flame
but only literally, which makes me sorry,
sorry for his sake there's no Heaven to reach.
I get it all from Earth my daily bread
but he hungered for release from mortal speech
that kept him down, the tongue that weighed like lead.
The baker's man that no one will see rise
and England made to feel like some dull oaf
is smoke, enough to sting one person's eyes
and ash (not unlike flour) for one small loaf.

Tony Harrison

[Tony Harrison | The Poetry Foundation](#)

[Them and Uz and Marked with D](#)

[Tony Harrison, poet and dramatist, dies aged 88 |](#)

[Tony Harrison | The Guardian](#)

Alumnus of the Month: [September 2025](#)



Aspire: online resources for all things careers/universities and apprenticeships, great for those not sure of the opportunities after GCSE's (POST 16) and A levels (POST 18). Click to find out more [The Aspire Guide - Flipbook - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](#)

Connexions Events: a list of 6th Form and colleges open events for 2025/26 can be found [here](#).

[Webinars & Workshops - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

Careers Newsletter can be found [here](#).





Careers in Sport Talk – Gareth Stobart, UCFB: Last week, GCSE PE and BTEC Sport students had the fantastic opportunity to attend an engaging and insightful talk delivered by Gareth Stobart, Senior Regional Recruitment Manager at UCFB (University Campus of Football Business). Gareth introduced students to the unique higher education opportunities offered at [UCFB](#), an institution dedicated to preparing students for careers in the football, sport, and events industries. He spoke in detail about

UCFB's two iconic campus locations – one based at the ***Etihad Campus in Manchester***, and the other at the ***legendary Wembley Stadium in London*** – both offering an immersive learning environment right at the heart of professional sport. Students learned about the wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses available, spanning areas such as sports business, coaching, media, and management. Gareth also highlighted how UCFB partners with major sports organisations to provide real-world experiences, industry connections, and networking opportunities for students aiming to enter this competitive field.

“It really opened my eyes to the different careers you can go into in sport – not just being an athlete. I didn’t know there were so many options in media, coaching, and business.” — Year 11 GCSE PE student

A standout statistic shared during the session was that **93% of UCFB graduates go on to work in the sport industry**, which is **twice the national average** for similar degree programmes. Gareth also explained that **typical entry requirements** for UCFB courses are around **112 UCAS points**, giving students a clear goal to work towards in their current studies. To support students in exploring these opportunities further, Gareth shared details of the upcoming [UCFB Open Days](#):

- **Wembley Campus** – Wednesday, 8th October 2025
- **Manchester Campus** – Wednesday, 29th October 2025

These events will give prospective students a chance to tour the campuses, meet academic staff, and learn more about life at UCFB. The talk proved both informative and inspiring, giving students a clearer view of the diverse and exciting careers available in sport, and how institutions like UCFB can support their journey beyond school.



Yr. 11 Revision

I would like to begin by stating how well year 11 have begun the new term, it is wonderful to see so many young people applying themselves in such a mature fashion. Next week will see year 11 revision sessions being held across the school. It should be said that staff give up their own time to run these sessions purely to support your child and it would be remiss of me to not publicly thank them for their time. There are currently 38 revision sessions across the school week, as we move through the term more sessions may be added or amended so please keep checking the timetable each week when it goes out in Contact.

The November assessment opportunities commence on the 17th of November so I would be encouraging all students to engage in their lessons and complete revision in preparation for this. I would also advise students to not only focus on their strengths in each subject but to also revise content they find challenging or not as stimulating. Mr West and myself are always available should you or your child wish to discuss any academic concerns you may have. Have a great weekend. Mr West and Mr Dooley.

Sports News

Yr8 Essex Schools Rugby festival R1: Yr 8 made it 4 wins from 4 games as they start their Rugby season this year at the Essex Schools Rugby festival R1. Wins against James Hornsby, Basildon, Helena Romanes, Colchester, Hall Mead, Upminster, and William Edwards, Thurrock. Posi, David, Noah, Alfred, and Cormack all scored tries, a lot of tries. Special mention to Emmanuel who made his debut with some very impressive and important tackles. We look forward to finding out the arrangements for the next stages of this tiered competition. Training continues Tuesday after school and Wednesday lunchtimes. Also keep an eye out for house rugby competition.



Year 7 Essex Cup Football – Greensward 2-4 STM: The Year 7 football team progressed to the next round of the Essex Cup after a gritty 4-2 win away to Greensward. STM started the game on the front foot and were rewarded for their efforts when Amari poked home from close range. STM added to their lead shortly after when Maxwell finished well to make it 2-0 just before half time. The lead was extended to 3 midway through the second half when Jake struck with his weaker foot via a deflection. Greensward grew back into the game and two quickfire goals put STM under the cosh, yet the boys defended well as a team through some tough moments. Late on, David won himself a penalty and dusted himself off to convert, securing the victory and putting STM through to the next round.

Year 7 National Cup Football – Westcliff 0-1 STM (AET): The Year 7 football team made it 4 wins from 4 after a close fought victory against local rivals Westcliff. STM dominated the early exchanges and were awarded an early penalty when Maxwell was brought down. Unfortunately, the goalkeeper made a straightforward save to keep the score level. In normal time STM continued to create chances, especially from some well taken set pieces from Jake, yet were unable to convert. Early in extra time, David broke away from the defence and finished expertly to give STM a well-earned lead. STM survived a late scare when the Westcliff striker broke away and hit the post, yet held on to progress to the next round in what was a well-deserved victory. Well done to all boys involved.



Sixth Form Football – Plume 2-4 STM 1st XI: The 1st XI continued their winning start in the Essex Schools & Colleges Division 1 with a 4-2 away victory at Plume, thanks to a second-half comeback. As in last week's match, the team asserted early control, dominating possession, but struggled to convert that dominance into goals due to forcing the final ball. Eventually, their control was rewarded when Ollie scored his third goal of the season via a deflection. However, the goal shifted the momentum, and Plume responded with two quick goals against the run of play to lead at the break. The second half began in a similar fashion, but the quality of the final ball improved significantly, leading to more chances. Goals from Max, Dylan, and Bradley sealed the win and maintained the team's strong start to the season. Next week brings a tough test against Fitz, who have also started their campaign well.

Year 9 Essex Cup Football vs Bromfords – Score 9-0: The Year 9 A squad have been training hard every Friday, and we approached our game against Bromfords looking for our first win this season and I am proud to say the team did not disappoint. We got off to a great start and found ourselves 1-0 up early in the first half. From front to back the team were organised and efficient. Daniel was superb in goal as always, distributing the ball brilliantly to the outfield players. The defence, Aubrey, Jeffrey, Hayden and Chisha were rock solid. Corban and Josh again worked hard and covered lots of ground in the middle of the pitch. This hard work allowed our attackers Ken, Olly, Archie, Henry and Teddy (who came on part way through the first half) to flourish. After some fantastic passing and high tempo football the goals began to flow. By half-time the score was 3-0 including 2 first-half goals from Olly.

After the half-way point our passing game stepped up further and we started to increase our lead. It was great to be able to bring on the remaining members of the squad Edward, Charlie, Alex AY, Alex W, Sean and Luciano who played some equally entertaining football. The joining attacking players posed a constant threat and added to our goal tally. Hayden was able to push forward too and scored another fantastic goal. Edward and Alex AY came on to contribute to a fantastic defensive performance rewarded by a well-deserved clean sheet. An outstanding first win of the year – well done to the whole squad.

A Team Squad: Daniel, Jeffrey, Chisha, Aubrey, Corban, Hayden, Ken, Archie, Olly, Teddy, Josh, Edward, Charlie, Alex AY, Alex W, Luciano, Sean.

Mr & Mrs Hardiman

Fixtures

DATE	FIXTURE
6/10/2025	Inset Day
7/10/2025	Year 9 Football v Mayflower (HOME) 4pm 1st XI Football v New Hall (AWAY) 2pm
8/10/2025	1st XI Football v Fitz (HOME) 2pm
19/10/2025	Year 9 Football v KES (HOME) 3pm
10/10/2025	No Fixtures
13/10/2025	Year 13 Football v Westcliff (HOME) 4pm
14/10/2025	Year 8 Football v KES (AWAY) Year 9 Rugby Festival @ WRFC - 11 Year 9 Basketball v Becket Keys (HOME)
15/10/2025	1st XI v Harris Rainham (AWAY) 2pm kick off - Leave 12:45pm, return 5pm Year 10 House Basketball - 3:30-5pm
16/10/2025	Year 10 Rugby Festival @WRFC - 11am start- Leave 10:30am, return 3:30pm Under 16 Basketball v Shoebury (AWAY) 4:15pm tip off - return 6:15pm
17/10/2025	No Fixtures

PE Extra-curricular Timetable – Autumn Term

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7.45 - 8.30 am	Year 7-10 Basketball (RHE)	Year 8/9 Gym (JEN) Rackets Club (All Years) (RHE)	Year 10-13 Gym (SB) Year 7-10 Indoor Athletics (AAC)	Darts Club (All years) (SB) Year 8/9 Futsal (JEN) Year 10-13 Gym (LSH)	Year 11-13 Basketball (SB) Year 10-13 Gym (EK)
1.35 - 2.25pm	All Years Athletics - Back Field (JEN) Year 7 Basketball (JTB) Year 10 Astro (NSP)	Darts Clubs (All years) (SB) Year 10/11 Basketball (RHE/AWI) Year 9 Astro (JTB)	Year 8 Astro (JEN) Year 9 Basketball (SB) Year 9-11 Gym (NSP) Year 7-9 Rugby - Backfield (RHE)	Year 7 Astro (LSH) Year 11 Basketball (AWI)	Year 8 Basketball (JEN) Year 11 Astro (TH)
3.30 - 4.45pm	Year 7 Football - A + B Team (LSH) FIXTURES	Year 12/13 Basketball (SB) Yr7-9 Rugby (AAC & EwM) FIXTURES	Year 8 Football - A + B Team Training (JEN) FIXTURES	Badminton Club (All Years) (SB) FIXTURES	Week 1 - Year 9 'A' Team football training (MH/AH) Week 2 - Year 9 Open football training (MH/AH) Indoor Athletics (AAC) FIXTURES

Extracurricular Timetable – Autumn

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School	Group Prayer 8.15-8.30am (Chapel) Library 8-8.40am Music Rehearsal Room 8-8.35am (Music 1)	Group Prayer 8.15-8.30am (Chapel) Library 8-8.40am Music Rehearsal Room 8-8.35am (Music 1)	Group Prayer 8.15-8.30am (Chapel) Library 8-8.40am Music Rehearsal Room 8-8.35am (Music 1)	Group Prayer 8.15-8.30am (Chapel) Library 8-8.40am Music Rehearsal Room 8-8.35am (Music 1)	Group Prayer 8.15-8.30am (Chapel) Library 8-8.40am Music Rehearsal Room 8-8.35am (Music 1)
Breaktime	Personal Prayer 1.10-11.25am (Chapel) Library 11.10-11.25am	Personal Prayer 1.10-11.25am (Chapel) Library 11.10-11.25am	Personal Prayer 11.10-11.25am (Chapel) Library 11.10-11.25am	Personal Prayer 11.10-11.25am (Chapel) Library 11.10-11.25am	Personal Prayer 11.10-11.25am (Chapel) Library 11.10-11.25am
Lunchtime	Personal Prayer 1.30-2.25pm (Chapel) Library 1.30-2.25pm Chess Club 1.30-2.25pm (RE3) Anime and Manga Club 2-2.25pm (Library) Aviation Club 2-2.25pm (MFL3) Chaplaincy Games Club Years 7-11 1.35-2.25pm (RE4) Drama Club 2-2.25pm (H3) Warhammer Club 1.40-2.20pm (Lab 1) KS3 Maths Support Club Years 7-8 1:45 – 2:15pm (Tech 4)	Personal Prayer 1.30-2.25pm (Chapel) Library 1.30-2.25pm History Club 1.30—2pm (RE3) Liturgy Band 1.50pm (Music 1) Latin Club 1-2.25pm Years 7-9: invite only (RE1) Culture Club (Literature, Arts, Culture and Society) Years 10-13 1.30-2pm (E3)	Personal Prayer 1.30-2.25pm (Chapel) Library 1.30-2.25pm The Caritas Team 1.30-2pm (E4) Dungeons and Dragons 1.30-2.25pm (Lab 2) Computer Science Club Years 9-11 1.30–2.30pm (CR5) Minecraft Club Years 7-8 (CR4) Junior Rock Band 1.50pm (Music 1)	Personal Prayer 1.30-2.25pm (Chapel) Library 1.30-2.25pm Pokémon Club 1.30-2.25pm (Lab 2) Folk Band 1.50pm (Music 1) Classics Club 2-2.25pm Years 7-9: invite only (RE4) Magic The Gathering Club 2-2.25pm (Library) Chess Club 1.30-2.25pm (RE3) Guardians of the Garden 2-2.25pm Accounting Club Years 11-13 1.30-2pm (BS2) Veritas Mentors 1.30-2.25pm (year 12 study room)	Personal Prayer 1.30-2.25pm (Chapel) Library 1.30-2.25pm Choir 1.50pm (Music 1) Film Club Years 7-10 1.40-2.20pm (BS1) Star Wars Club 2-2.25pm (Library) Bible Study 1.35-2.25pm (RE4) Labrats Years 7-8 1.40-2.25pm (Week 1 Lab 1/ Week 2 Lab 5)
After School	Group Prayer 3.30-3.40pm (Chapel) Library 3.30-4pm Study Club 3.30-4.30pm (CR3)	Group Prayer 3.30-3.40pm (Chapel) Computer Science Club Years 9-11 3.30-4.30pm (CR5)	Group Prayer 3.30-3.40pm (Chapel) Library 3.30-4pm Silver Duke of Edinburgh 3.30-4.45pm (Lab 10) Morley's music lessons	Group Prayer 3.30-3.40pm (Chapel) Library 3.30-4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Hour) 3.50-4.40pm (Chapel) Morley's music lessons	Group Prayer 3.30-3.40pm (Chapel) Library 3.30-4pm Senior Rock Band 3.30-4.30pm (Music 1)

Note: Clubs with no mention of year groups are open to all year groups