

CONTACT

No. 1712 – Friday 12th December 2025



Christmas Jumper & Non-Uniform Day: we have managed to raise £1253.75 for SVP, thank you for your donations which are greatly appreciated.

Advent Carol Service Monday 15th December – 5.15pm arrival for prompt 5.30pm start: our Advent Carol Service takes place on Monday 15th December which will start

promptly at 5.30pm. The Carol Service will take place in the Assembly Hall, and we will be offering refreshments in the canteen. The service will run for approximately an hour and will include advent reflections, reading and poems. These will be interspersed with carols led by our talented musicians, all of which will help lead us on our advent journey. Please come along and join us on this special evening and if possible ensure your seats by completing either the Yr. 7 form [Advent Service 2025](#) & Yrs. 8-13 form [Advent Service 2025](#). During this evening the students will be collecting for the SVP and donations of Christmas goodies would also be appreciated and can be left on our collecting table in the lower canteen prior to the service.



Left Property: On Monday evening all left property will be on display before and after our Advent Service for parents to look through and check for any unnamed items their child has left in school. The last week of term will be the last opportunity for your child to look through and collect left items as any unnamed/unclaimed items will be washed and given as donations to SVP at the end of this term.

Advent Fundraising events for SVP: Multiple charity events will be taking place next week. Details of all events can be found in the chaplaincy news below – please take part where you can. All events are raising money for the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) who work to assist the poor, homeless, or others in need in our community. All single day events can be paid for on the [gateway](#) or by cash/ card on the day.

We are also still looking for donations of travel games, card games, small toys, sweet packets, or any other small gifts that can be used as prizes for these events or donated directly to the SVP. Please bring these into school on Monday if you can contribute – they can be taken to the chapel at the start of the day and will be very gratefully received.



Festive Fortnight – our festive fortnight continues in the canteen for our final week of this term. Festive options will be on the menu everyday with a Festive Roast Dinner on Wednesday 17th December.

End of Term Arrangements: a reminder that the school closes for the Christmas break at 1:30pm on **Friday 19th December**. A letter has been emailed home to parents with information about the contract buses for those students who use them. Students return to school on **Monday 5th January 2026** where it will be **timetable Week 2**.

Examination Certificate Collection Afternoon – Wednesday 7th January 2026: Invitations have been sent home to last years year 11 and 13 students to invite them to our Examination certificate collection afternoon on 7th January from 4-4.45pm. This is an opportunity for us to welcome back students to receive their examination certificates and catch up with how life is progressing since seeing them

in August. Those invited can confirm their attendance by [completing this form](#) so that we can ensure certificates are ready for collection.

COULD YOU HELP THE SCHOOL? WE NEED ONE MORE FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

St Thomas More is currently seeking a foundation governor with experience or confidence in finance to support our work. If you, or someone you know, has financial skills and a heart for supporting Catholic education, we would love to hear from you. Governors play a vital role in ensuring strong oversight, value for money and long-term planning. If interested, please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Ackred for an informal discussion. Daniel Cauchi

Parent Forum: Our next **Parent Forum** will take place on **Monday 15th December 2025 between 4.00pm and 5.30pm**. This is an open invitation for parents and carers to pop into school to share ideas, ask questions and discuss feedback with leaders about general aspects of school life. No appointment is necessary!

Reverse Advent Calendar

We are called to love one another and help those in need. This advent, instead of receiving gifts each day, we will donate gifts to those who need the help. Each house has been assigned specific items to collect on specific days, however if you wish to – please don't hesitate to donate additional items outside of the dates your house has been assigned.

Donations can be brought straight to the Chapel.

<p>St. Andrew's</p>  <p>02/12/2025 – Tinned Soup 10/12/2025 – Tea/ Coffee 18/12/2025 – Gloves/ Hats/ Scarves</p>	<p>St. David's</p>  <p>03/12/2025 – Pasta/ Rice 11/12/2025 – Toothpaste/ toothbrushes 18/12/2025 – Gloves/ Hats/ Scarves</p>
<p>St. George's</p>  <p>04/12/2025 - Socks 12/12/2025 – Tinned meals 18/12/2025 – Gloves/ Hats/ Scarves</p>	<p>St. Patrick's</p>  <p>05/12/2025 – Shampoo/ Soap 15/12/2025 – Cereal 18/12/2025 – Gloves/ Hats/ Scarves</p>
<p>St. Sebastian's</p>  <p>08/12/2025 – Pasta Sauces 16/12/2025 – UHT Milk 18/12/2025 – Gloves/ Hats/ Scarves</p>	<p>St. Vincent's</p>  <p>09/12/2025 – Tinned Meat 17/12/2025 – Hot Chocolate 18/12/2025 – Gloves/ Hats/ Scarves</p>

Prayer of the Week

God of hope and consolation,
in times of doubt and weariness You remain our strength.
As You reassured John the Baptist through the works of Your Son,
renew our faith when we cannot see clearly Your hand at work.

Lift our hearts when trials weigh us down,
and teach us to trust that Your promises are being fulfilled,
even in the silence of waiting.

May the joy of Gaudete Sunday remind us
that Your light shines most brightly in our darkness,
and those who do not lose faith in You will be blessed.

AMEN

Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Matthew 11:2-11

Artwork: 'St. John the Baptist visited in Prison by Two Disciples' (1455-1460) by Giovanni di Paolo



This week we hear from the Gospel according to St Matthew as he introduces us to St John the Baptist. Last week John the Baptist told us to prepare ourselves, this week we are given words of comfort and hope from each of the readings - from Isaiah saying "courage, do not be afraid" to St James urging us to "be patient, do not lose heart" we have words that have been spoken across centuries telling us to be hopeful, even when our faith is tested.

In the Gospel, St John the Baptist is in prison. He is relying on the assistance of his disciples to relay messages and tell him what is going on with Jesus' ministry. John the Baptist is in a dark place, literally and spiritually, he wants to know if Lord Jesus Christ is the one they have been waiting for, or if the Messiah is still to come. He is a faithful servant of God but while sat in prison he begins to question what he was once proclaiming with confidence. The Lord doesn't scold him, instead Lord Jesus comforts him with signs of life: the blind see, the lame walk, and the poor hear the good news. Christ's work becomes the answer, in times of trial God's love is proven not by words but by His presence at work within and around us during our darkest times.

This weekend is known as Gaudete Sunday. 'Gaudete' meaning 'rejoice'. We are nearing the end of Advent, we are very close to Christmas. The days have gotten darker, holiday stress might be building up, and so this weekend we take an extra moment

to look forward to the light of Christ waiting for us at Christmas - represented by the lighter liturgical colour this weekend instead of the dark purple.

Faith does not mean we never doubt or fear, it means we continue to trust in God's faithfulness even when it feels too dark to see the way ahead. This week lets all focus on the light to come and help bring that light into the lives of those around us.

Max Morris, Lay Chaplain

Chaplaincy News

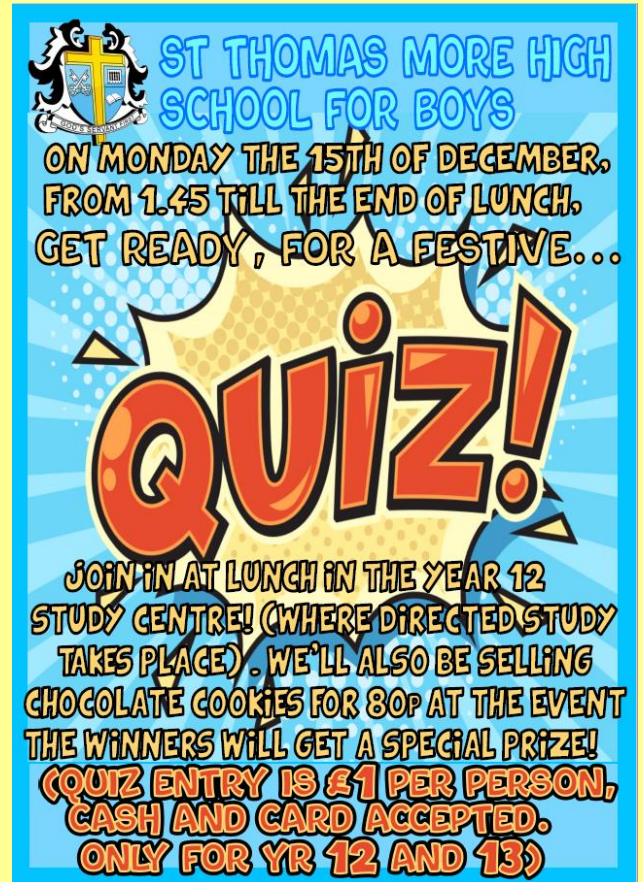
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Sixth form Quiz: On Monday 15/12/2025 during lunchtime there will be an Advent/ Christmas quiz for years 12 and 13 in the Year 12 study centre. £1 per person for entry.

KS3 Scavenger Hunt: On Tuesday 16/12/2025 during lunchtime there will be a scavenger hunt for KS3 starting in the Chapel. Individuals or teams will win merits that will be tiered depending on how quickly they finish. £1 per person for entry.

Advent Bazaar: On Wednesday 17/12/2025 during lunchtime there will be a Bazaar held in the assembly hall. This will feature a craft table with homemade small gift items/ Christmas cards, as well as the materials and instructions to make your own. A Cake stall, a raffle, and a few games. Stalls/ items on the craft table will range between 50p and £1. It is recommended to bring between £3 and £5. There are a range of prizes to be won but please note that winners will **collect their prizes at the end of school on Friday 19th December**. No prizes will be handed out during the Bazaar but prizes will be reserved for the later collection.


Guess the number of Sweets in the Jar: This will be going on between Monday 15th and Thursday 18th December. The first two people to correctly guess the number of sweets (or the two closest to the correct number) will win a jar of sweets each. Winning students will be notified and will be asked to collect the prize at the end of the day on 19/12/2025. £1 donation for each guess.



THE CARITAS TEAM

Request for prize donations - The CARITAS Team: We are still looking for donations of travel games, card games, small toys, sweet packets, or any other small gifts that can be used as prizes for the events above or donated directly to the SVP.

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:

St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea – Cleaners - [website](#) & LSA Apprentice - [website](#)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Canvey Island – Early Years Practitioner – [website](#)

Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Benfleet – Headteacher - [website](#)

St Helen's Catholic Primary School, Westcliff-on-Sea – Class Teacher fixed term 2 days per week to cover maternity - [website](#)

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Parent Reminders and Student Information

Flu Vaccinations: flu vaccination information and catch-up appointments at local clinics can be found [here](#).

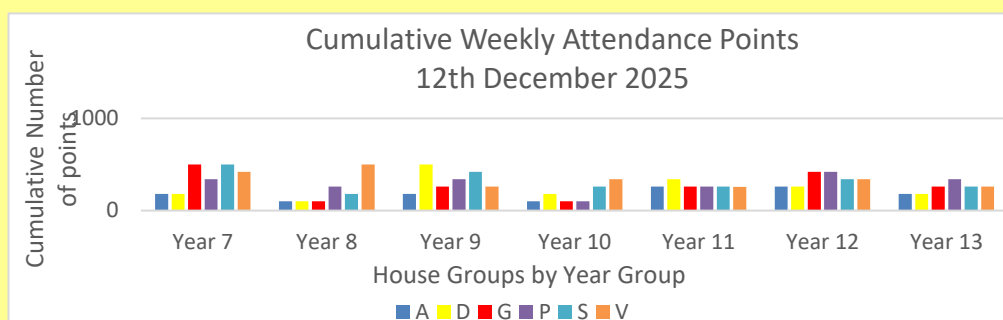
Term Dates: Please find the [Term Dates 2025-26](#).

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.



Considerate Parking: Thank you for your support and understanding when learning our routines for dropping and collecting students at school, this half term is a busy one and extracurricular clubs and trips are numerous thanks to our dedicated staff. Please **do not use school carparks** for dropping off in the morning or picking up at the end of the school day. The closest collection point is behind the fire station. Cars that attempt to drive in at the end of the day cause congestion and are a hazard. Please remember that this exit is also the main pedestrian exit from the school. If using the local area to park, please be considerate to our neighbours and local community. **Please do not 'drive by' to try and drop off or pick up or use surrounding roads** which get congested. Thank you for your co-operation.

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR CONTACT

HAS YOUR CHILD DONE SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL THAT DESERVES RECOGNITION?

WE WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE IN CONTACT

Send Information & Pictures to:
office@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

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 \(st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk\)](http://st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)

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, digital citizenship, internet safety, cyberbullying, digital online safety. These guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, tips and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has had a chance to purchase. This allows scalpers to sell at inflated prices. Children and young people are often more likely to buy into the pressure to 'get in' than to think about how they can afford to buy or miss out on items.

EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular franchises with a strong fan base, including their merchandise. Children and young people are often more likely to buy into the hype than to think about how they can afford to buy or miss out on items.

ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

As the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to untrusted sellers, often websites that are not secure, legitimate, or even have the same name as the legitimate site. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a 'normal' way to get the best deals. This can normalise unethical behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and profiteering, prioritising profit for younger audiences.

RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Unreliable sellers may have acquired the goods they're reselling at a discounted rate from a legitimate source. In some cases, the product may be counterfeit or poorly made, which can lead to poor quality or potentially harmful items.

REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even more expensive, making them unaffordable for many children and young people. This can lead to feelings of exclusion and disappointment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit others for profit. Encourage children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promotional pricing, can prevent costly mistakes.

ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases. Instead of paying over the odds, many products come back into circulation and purchase can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world financial impact of digital or collectible items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

Meet Our Expert

Home to the world's largest CPD library for educators, The National College has transformed its early education establishments to support developing their workforce and managing compliance. Our three membership help plans and spot of setting open standards, save time, reduce risk, and build a culture of improvement.

Source: [Marketplace Ltd on Quora](#)

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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)



Year 12 A Level Media and Film Studies: On Friday 5th December Year 12 A Level Media and Film Studies students visited Sky Academy at Elstree Studios. The students had the opportunity to learn about the production process of film and television, have a careers workshop, a tour of the studios as well as create their own film trailer. The day provided an exciting insight into the opportunities available for post KS5 apprenticeships and university courses that the students could sign up to. Thank you to Mrs Cotgrove and Mrs Weir for their support. Many thanks, Mrs Lewis



The Great House Bake-Off – The Results: On Monday 8th December the entries for The Great House Bake-Off were judged by Mrs Ackred, Mr Maxfield and Mr Hardiman. The task was to produce a Christmas themed product. Each product was scored on its taste, appearance, theme and complexity. The points awarded to each student were added up contributing to the House totals. I am pleased to announce the following individual student results: 1st place – Lourenço

(9P), 2nd place – Oscar (7S) & 3rd place – Corban (9D)

Adding up the scores from each House entry the results are as follows:

St Patricks	309
St Vincents	248.5
St Davids	193.5
St Sebastians	108.5
St Georges	95
St Andrews	0



Well done again to all who entered the quality of the entries were amazing. Mrs S. Napper (Teacher of Food Technology/Enrichment Coordinator)

Geography GCSE Students Explore Urban Regeneration in Stratford

On Monday 8th December, our Year 11 Geography students took part in a fieldwork visit to Stratford, London, to investigate how the creation of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park has transformed the local area. The trip forms an important part of their Urban Issues and Challenges unit, allowing students to see first-hand how regeneration can reshape places socially, economically and environmentally.

Throughout the day, students explored key sites across the Olympic Park and surrounding neighbourhoods, gathering evidence on new housing developments, sustainable design, employment opportunities, improvements in green space, and the wider legacy of the 2012 Games. Once again, our students were fantastic ambassadors for the school. They worked with real focus and conducted high-quality fieldwork - Their behaviour and attitude throughout the day were exemplary. Mr Hollingsworth



Alumnus of the Month: [December](#).

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](#)

[The Telegraph Media Literacy Programme 2026 :: Telegraph Media Group Jobs](#)

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

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.

In a school, one fifth of the students have blue eyes. One tenth of the left-handed students have blue eyes. One quarter of the right-handed students have blue eyes. What fraction of the students are left-handed?



Maths Problem of the Week

Answer to last week's problem: Rover 3
United 0

Poetry Corner No. 84

The Oxen

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock.
"Now they are all on their knees,"
An elder said as we sat in a flock
By the embers in hearthside ease.
We pictured the meek mild creatures where
They dwelt in their strawy pen,
Nor did it occur to one of us there
To doubt they were kneeling then.
So fair a fancy few would weave
In these years! Yet, I feel,
If someone said on Christmas Eve,
"Come; see the oxen kneel,
"In the lonely barton by yonder coomb
Our childhood used to know,"
I should go with him in the gloom,
Hoping it might be so.

Thomas Hardy

[Thomas Hardy - The Oxen \(Poetry Reading\)](#)

[Thomas Hardy | The Poetry Foundation](#)

Aviation Club: The Global Innovators' Challenge Poster Competition: The Air League is holding a national poster competition for students aged 11–15. To take part, you'll need to design a creative and eye-catching A3 poster that shows how aviation is becoming more eco-friendly and sustainable.

Your poster should focus on one of these four exciting themes:

1. Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF): fuel made from renewable sources like plants, waste materials, or used cooking oil instead of traditional oil.
2. Electric Aircraft: planes powered by batteries instead of jet fuel.
3. Hydrogen Fuel: an energy source first discovered in 1839, now seen by many as a key part of zero-carbon flying.
4. Biomimicry: using nature-inspired designs to create innovative aviation technology.



Our school deadline for entries is Friday, 19th December 2025. Posters will be displayed at the Sustainable Skies World Summit at Farnborough Airport on 17–18 March 2026, where aviation experts will choose the winners. 🏆 Top prize: an exclusive flight experience day at a local airfield! If interested in taking part, please see Mr. Pereira and more info about the competition can be found here: [Global Innovators' Challenge – Poster Competition - Air League](#)

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

De punta en blanco

Literal translation in English: On white tip

When do we use it?: To describe someone well dressed for an occasion

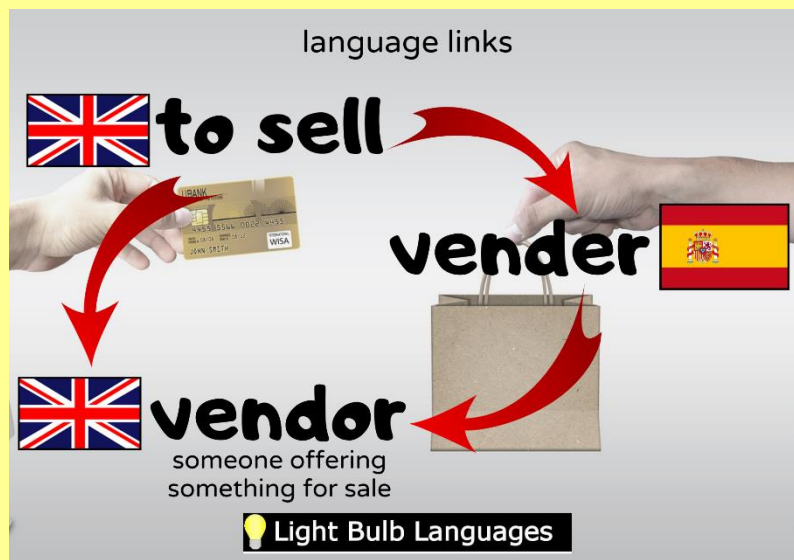
Example: Juan se puso de punta en blanco para la boda de su hermana.
(Juan was dressed to kill at his sister's wedding.)

Rey

(rrey) |
Masculine Noun

In English: King

Example: El rey de España y su familia viven en el Palacio de la Zarzuela.
(The king of Spain and his family live in the Zarzuela Palace.)



Yr. 11 Revision Timetable

As we approach the final week of what has been a long and incredibly busy term, I would like to congratulate all students for their hard work and diligence in lessons. As I mentioned in previous Contact notices, if your child is struggling in any way with their emotional and/or mental wellbeing please do make this known to us so we can put measures in place to support them. Whilst I can fully appreciate the November Assessment Opportunity was a trying time, I have noticed a distinct drop off in student attendance at revision sessions; they are still running in the final week of term so please do encourage your child to invest in themselves and attend. I would also remind parents and students that CR1 is open every day for students to use a study space. Finally, to echo a message from Mr Hardiman; as the weather has begun to turn colder we would encourage students to ensure they stay warm. However, the wearing of headwear and hoodies indoors is not permitted, we would appreciate your support with this. Have a lovely final week. God bless, Mr West and Mr Dooley.



REVISION TIMETABLE 25/26

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8am – 8:30am (speak to teacher for specific time)				
	RC-English E4 JFE-English E7 (Week 1) PGR-RE RE2	ZR- English (sets 7-9) E4 JFE-English E7 (Week 2)	BS- Science Lab 2	GDO -English E1
	LDO-Music (listening paper revision-H1)			
1:30pm – 1:55pm (speak to teacher for specific time)				
DCO - Media and Film E7	Art-K&A AR3 (Week 2)	DCO - English E7	API - Physics Lab 2	JH-Geography G1 1.45-2.25pm
GRO-RE 2.00-2.25pm RE2	KDO-History H1		AB - Product Design Tec 3	SEM-English E6
JH- Geography G1 1.45pm-2.25pm	LMY - Business BS1	CJC-Computer Science CR5	KDU- English E5	DMA-Maths (Higher Tier grades 7-9) Studio
KAY & K&A Art AR2 & AR3	AM8-Tech Tech 3		Art – KAY AR2	JS-Maths (foundation) MS 1.30pm
			GRO- RE 1.40-2.20pm RE2 (week2)	
			MAR-Further Maths M2	
2pm – 2:25pm (speak to teacher for specific time)				
	API-Physics (double & triple) Lab 2	CJC-Computer Science CR5	MAR-Further Maths- M2	K&A-Art AR3
		SMN-Food Preparation and Nutrition revision/NEA catch up CR5		
After School (speak to teacher for specific time)				
CWI- Spanish- CR3	FLE- Media and Film Coursework MS1	MLO - Maths (set 3) M7	TMI- RE (12mark Clinic) RE3	
	GWE-Geography-G3	GWE-Geography-G3		
	LDX- Music MUS1			
	LMY - Business BS1			
	CJC-Computer Science CR5			

Sports News

Year 7 Basketball – Redden Court 28 – STM 60: The year 7 basketball team made it two wins from two this week with a dominant victory over Redden Court in the Essex Cup. After a slow start, the boys found their rhythm midway through the first quarter and began to control the game. STM showed significant improvement from Monday's 12 point victory over King John, with some excellent driving to the basket alongside a cohesive defensive display, ending the game with a 32 point victory. Notable mentions to Derick for his 38 point contribution to the victory and Billy for his excellent offensive rebounds. Well done to all boys involved.

Fixtures

DATE	FIXTURE
15/12/2025	Under 13 Basketball v Woodlands (AWAY) 4pm tip off - Leave 3:15pm, return 6pm Under 15 Basketball v King John (HOME) Under 16 Rugby v Westcliff (HOME) 2:30pm
16/12/2025	No Fixtures
17/12/2025	Year 9 Basketball v Redden Court (HOME) 3:45pm tip off
18/12/2025	Year 7 Basketball v Cecil Jones (AWAY) 4:15pm tip off - Return 6pm
19/12/2025	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

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	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) Minecraft Club Years 7-8 (CR4)	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) 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