

# CONTACT

No. 1709 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

**Parent Forum:** Our next **Parent Forum** will take place on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 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!

**Please remember that the school is closed on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November & Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

**Advent Carol Service Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 5.15pm arrival for prompt 5.30pm start:** our Advent Carol Service takes place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## Prayer of the Week

*A prayer to Christ the King*

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.  
We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.

Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;

May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognised on earth.

Amen.

# Christ the King

Luke 23:35-43

Artwork: 'Between two thieves' icon (cropped) (1711) by Ioannis Moskos



This week we hear from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke for our last Sunday Gospel for the liturgical year, when we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. At the conclusion to the Church year we find ourselves at the foot of the Cross, as we get an account of the Lord's crucifixion. He is mocked, beaten, hurt, and sentenced to death, all while the people and guards mock Him while making reference to His royal title. This reading not only challenges us on our perspective on victory, but it also offers a very interesting conversation between Jesus Christ and one of the men He was being crucified alongside.

This man, known as the 'good thief' (or traditionally given the name 'St. Dismas'), spends the final part of his earthly life finding out what true hope is. He brings nothing but his poverty, his failures, and his desire for mercy and says to the Lord, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom". Lord Jesus responds with a promise that opens eternity, "Today you will be with me in Paradise". What appears to be an ending, in Christ, becomes a beginning.

The end of the liturgical year gives us the same invitation. These last days aren't about a conclusion, but instead about conversion, it's about turning toward the Lord with the same trust as the repentant thief.

As we prepare for the start of Advent we echo the prayer of the thief. We ask Christ to remember us, our efforts and our struggles, as we begin again and work toward further conversion in our hearts.

**Max Morris, Lay Chaplain**

## Chaplaincy News

**Request for prize donations - The CARITAS Team:** Over the season of Advent there will be multiple charitable events that aim to raise funds and physical donations for the St Vincent de Paul project that helps the homeless and poor in our community. We are 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 keep an eye out for the different events that will be advertised in school over the next week.



**DEI VERBUM 60 YEARS ON Saturday 22nd November 2025 11.00 – 14.00:** Fr Nicholas King SJ will share his own personal insights - as a biblical scholar and translator - on the Second Vatican Council document on divine revelation, *Dei Verbum* (Pope Paul VI, 18 November 1965). How does

the document come across today? Can it help us to read, study and pray the Scriptures in our time? The speaker will be present in-person at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park RM2 6DH, but this free event is also live-streamed on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) If you are attending in person please email [gideapark@brcdt.org](mailto:gideapark@brcdt.org) or sign-up using Eventbrite on the Margaret Beaufort Institute website <https://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk/> Coffee available 10.30 but please bring a packed lunch. Venue is five-minutes' walk from Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line). Parking available and local eateries. Recording free to view on website later.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS)** is currently seeking new Trustees with expertise in fundraising and marketing to help us expand our reach and strengthen our impact. Your skills and experience could play a vital role in shaping the future for children and young people, ensuring we continue providing essential services to children and families in need. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or know someone who might be a great fit, please do not hesitate to contact our Director, Bernadette Fisher at [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk) who will be delighted to hear from you.



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### Vacancies:

St Thomas More High School, Westcliff – Cleaners - [Vacancies](#)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Canvey Island - Learning Support Assistant - [St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Nursery - Vacancies](#)

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# Parent Reminders and Student Information

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

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

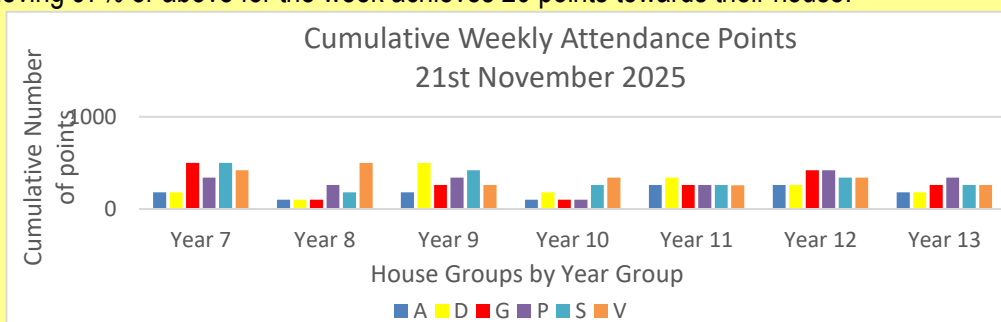


**Absence:** If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please notify the school of the reason for the absence on the first day of an unplanned absence by 9am or as soon as practically possible by calling the school and selecting attendance or by emailing [attendance@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:office@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)

**CHRISTMAS MARKET MENU**  
December 8<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

<p><b>MONDAY</b> Homemade Mince Pie</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Chocolate Orange &amp; Cranberries</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Xmas Tree Croissant Festive Roast Dinner</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Xmas Biscuits</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Brie &amp; Cranberry Turnovers</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b> Turkey Stuffing Panini</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> Bacon &amp; Cranberry Bagel</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> Xmas Hot Chocolate Festive Roast Dinner</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> Festive Cookies</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> Roast Potato Pots</p>
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# 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](mailto: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)

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.nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 37 percent between 2018 and 2023.

#### INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

#### TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

#### FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to prove ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

#### DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chimeing sound.

#### USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's "Tracker Detect" or the third-party app "AirGuard" to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

#### CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

#### HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.

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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)



**Prefect Programme:** We are delighted to share that our Prefect Programme has been completed with great success. This initiative continues to provide our students with invaluable opportunities to grow as leaders and role models within our school community. Over six weeks, prefects engaged in sessions covering key areas such as Role Modelling, Academics, Volunteering, Sports Leadership, Spiritual Life, Being a Young Man, and Life after Tommy's. Here is some feedback from our prefects:

Head of Prefects: Daniel 11P

*"The sessions definitely achieved their goal in giving something back to the prefects. For me, my favourite was Miss Osborne's session because it gave me knowledge and advice that was relevant in the moment—especially about sixth form and life after 16."*

George 11P

*"I would first like to say thank you to all the staff who helped to organise the sessions and those who tried to help us become better people in our everyday lives."*

Luke 11P

*"All in all, I thought it was very good."*

The programme will conclude with a special Awards Mass, where parents will join us in celebrating the achievements of our prefects. Following this success, we are excited to announce that the programme will be running again with our new prefect groups, continuing our commitment to preparing students for sixth form and adulthood. Mr Chipping

**F1 Trip:** On the 10th of November 2025, we visited Williams Racing F1, and it was an amazing experience seeing what goes on behind the scenes. One of the highlights was learning about the engineering team and how much work goes into making the cars perform at their best. I even won a hat in an engineering competition, which made it exciting and competitive! I also got to experience what it's like to be behind the wheel of an F1 car using the racing simulators — it really gave



me an insight into what drivers feel on track. The museum was another highlight; I learned about the incredible history of Williams and saw some of the iconic cars the team has built over the years. Overall, it was my favourite trip ever and an experience worth far more than what we paid — which was actually £0! I'm really grateful for the opportunity. *From Zac*

St Thomas More presents.....

## The Great House Christmas Bake-Off

Bake a Christmas themed product – it can either be sweet or savoury (but needs to be suitable to be eaten cold) Bake it at home and bring your product in for judging on **Monday 8th December**. Drop off to the Food Tech room before school and collect after school labelled with your name, form and we ask you to provide the ingredients list with your entry (No nuts to be used in the recipe). Judging will be based on taste, appearance, complexity and theme. Happy Baking 😊 Mrs Napper (Teacher of Food Preparation and Nutrition/Enrichment Coordinator)



### Alumnus of the Month: **November**

**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 \(paperturn-view.com\)](http://paperturn-view.com)

**Connexions Events:** a list of 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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](#).



**Year 7 Drama Workshop:** This week some Year 7 students took part in an energising and confidence-building Drama Workshop delivered by **Southend Theatres** practitioners **Emma Wagstaff and Ailish Murphy**. The session encouraged students to step out of their comfort zones and explore bold self-expression through a series of creative and interactive drama activities.



The workshop began with "Name the thing that makes you happiest", an activity that helped students open up and get to know one another on a deeper level. This was followed by the uplifting Compliment Game, which reinforced positive communication and encouraged students to celebrate each other's



strengths. Students then took on the "My Space Walk", confidently walking into the middle of the room, saying hello to everyone, and letting their



unique personalities shine. Energetic group games such as One Word Story and the much-loved Freeze Game allowed students to practise teamwork, quick thinking, and creative storytelling. The session concluded with a thoughtful reflection, giving students the chance to share what they had learned about themselves and their confidence. By the end of the workshop, Year 7 had not only developed drama skills but also strengthened their self-belief, communication, and sense of community—leaving the room inspired and excited for future drama opportunities.

**Drama club is on Monday lunchtimes from 2-2.25pm in H3**

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

Interested in a career in theatre? Southend Theatres are delighted to be offering work experience placements for 14-18 year olds in March. Come and learn how the Cliffs Pavilion and Palace Theatre run, and explore a range of departments, from Front of House, to Backstage, Marketing and more!

Mon - Fri  
16 - 20 Mar 2026

Apply via email  
By Fri 13 Feb 2026

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**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.

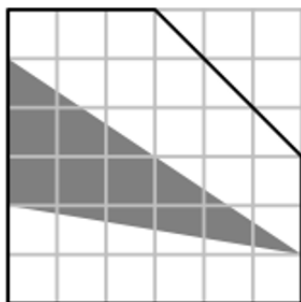
Our school deadline for entries is Friday, 19th December 2025. Posters will be displayed at the Sustainable Skies World Summit at Farnborough Airport on 17–18 March 2026, where aviation experts will choose the winners.

🏆 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](#)



The diagram shows a pentagon drawn on a square grid. All vertices of the pentagon and triangle are grid points.

What fraction of the area of the pentagon is shaded?



## Maths Problem of the Week

Answer to last week's problem: Perimeter was 16cm

### Poetry Corner No.82

The Year's Midnight  
The flown, the fallen,  
the golden ones,  
the deciduous dead, all gone  
to ground, to dust, to sand,  
borne on the shoulders of the wind.

Listen! They are whispering  
now while the world talks,  
and the ice melts,  
and the seas rise.  
Look at the trees!

Every leaf-scar is a bud  
expecting a future.  
The earth speaks in parables.  
The burning bush. The rainbow.  
Promises. Promises.

Gillian Clarke

Gillian Clarke - Poetry Archive

# Yr. 11 Revision Timetable



## REVISION TIMETABLE 25/26

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8am – 8:30am (Speak to teacher for specific time)				
	RC-English E4	ZR- English (sets 7-9) E4	BS- Science Lab 2	GDO -English E1
	PGR-RE RE2			
	LDO-Music listening paper revision-H1			
1:30pm – 1:55pm (speak to teacher for specific time)				
DCO - Media and Film E7	Art-KBA AR3 <b>(Week 2)</b>	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 & KBA Art AR2 & AR3	AMB-Tech Tech 3		Art – KAY AR2	JS-Maths (foundation) M5 1.30pm
			GRO- RE 1.40-2.20pm RE2 <b>(week2)</b>	
			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	KBA-Art AR3
		SMN-Food Preparation and Nutrition revision/NEA catch up CR6		
After School (Speak to teacher for specific time)				
CW- 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



**PE Students of the Week:** Two winners this week, both from Year 7 and both for the same reason! Caidin and Jake have both been STM superstars over the past few weeks, representing the school in numerous sports. They have been recognised this week for their outstanding contributions in the Year 7 rugby tournament, helping the team to remain undefeated. Well done to both boys!



Congratulations to Ikhide in Yr10 who this week received his Essex Schools FA Cap which is awarded to students who have made 10 appearances representing the County. His tenth appearance came this weekend versus Suffolk Schools FA with a 7-2 victory. Last year he was part of the team who won the ESFA National Cup versus Manchester Schools FA at Stoke city's stadium.



**Year 9 Basketball:** The Year 9 team remain undefeated thanks to a 67-39 victory over Fitzwimarc this week. Despite missing three key players, the team put in a solid performance with all the players contributing to the score. Special mention to Ralph who played his best game of the season.



**U12 Essex Rugby Festival:** The Year 7 rugby team made it 4 wins from 4 in their first taste of competitive action at the U12 Essex rugby festival this week. They opened the tournament with



a commanding 6-0 victory over Gateway, followed by an equally dominant 4-0 win against Castle View. The strong form continued with a 3-0 triumph over Hall Mead. Their final match proved the toughest test of the afternoon, but the boys showed real determination to edge past St Nicholas 2-1—conceding their only try of the tournament in the very last play of the game. Throughout the festival, the boys were a credit to themselves and the school, showing resilience in arctic-esque conditions and displaying outstanding teamwork and togetherness. We look forward to supporting their continued development and hope to arrange more fixtures soon. Well done to all the boys involved.

**Under 19 League Cup - FITC 4-3 1st XI Football:** A disappointing afternoon for the 1st XI Football side as they were knocked out of the Division 1 League Cup following a 4-3 defeat at FITC in Witham. In a game where the weather conditions played a major role, FITC led 3-2 thanks to two wind assisted goals. Despite this, STM produced the better football in the first half, showing good control and doing well to stay just one goal behind after strikes from Michael B and Dylan. A frustrating goal shortly after the break restored FITC's lead, and although STM dominated possession and territory in the second half, this time with the wind advantage, they rarely threatened the goal. Michael B grabbed his second of the game to reduce the deficit with 15 minutes remaining, sparking a late surge of attacking play. The best chance fell to makeshift centre-forward Bradley with the last kick of the game, but his effort agonisingly hit the inside of

the post and dropped into the keeper's hands. An unfortunate result, but attention now turns back to the league with a home fixture against King John.

**Year 7 B Team Football – STM 1-2 Belfairs:** The B team put in another strong performance in gruelling temperatures but unfortunately it was not meant to be this time around. We started strong and led the game from the front, creating a lot of chances and getting behind the Belfair's defence effectively, drawing a lot of good tackles from their centre backs and a few corners. After 20 minutes, we got an excellent chance in which their keeper made a good save, but it was followed up instinctively by Harry S who was able to slot the ball home to go 1-0 up. This seemed to give Belfairs a wake-up call and they responded quickly, equalising 2 minutes later. The game continued into the second half with strong challenges and hard work from both teams and the boys all battled to bring home the win. However, the cold and fatigue began to take its toll and we were caught on the counter with a well worked goal from the opposition. Unfortunately, we were unable to find a reply in the few minutes that remained. Despite the outcome, the team once again did themselves proud and gave everything they had and we will certainly bounce back for the next fixture.

### **STM Yr 9 A Team v FitzWimarc (National Cup) 3-2**

This season the year 9 team are making a habit of being part of fantastic football games and this was another epic! Last Friday our year 9 team faced FitzWimarc in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the National Cup. We knew this was going to be another challenging game and it didn't disappoint. Both teams started strongly, but we had the home lunchtime crowd on our side and gained the early edge with a goal from Ken. The team were worthy of their lead and maintained the excellent passing game they have shown this season. Our back four of Jeffrey, Aubrey, Hayden and Chisha worked together to contain and frustrate the FitzWimarc attack. Then Aubrey made a phenomenal tackle to stop a FitzWimarc equaliser reminding us why he has been one of our best players this season. Unfortunately, an injury meant a break in play and a change to our defensive line up, but Ralph stepped up and did a great job. Daniel was again outstanding in goal and commanded the goal confidently. Corban, Sean, Olly, Archie and Ken worked relentlessly to break down the play and combined this with some lovely passing play to keep us in control of the match. Henry also provided us with a fantastic attacking threat but despite our best efforts FitzWimarc equalised just before half-time and then after the restart, against the run of play we found ourselves 2-1 down. As always, however, this team don't know when they are beaten, and they continued to battle into the last 10 minutes of the game. With Josh, Teddy and Luciano bringing renewed energy to the game when they joined the field, we were rewarded with an excellent equaliser from Ken again and the momentum shifted. We were back in it. Our positivity and press into the last minutes of the game were exceptional and a fantastic last-minute goal from Archie sent us 3-2 ahead with seconds to play! Another brilliant team performance to take us into the next round – looking forward to it already.

## **Fixtures**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FIXTURE</b>
<b>24/11/2025</b>	No Fixtures
<b>25/11/2025</b>	Year 7 Football v Orsett Heath (HOME) 3:45pm kick off Year 9 Football v East Bergholt (AWAY) 2pm kick off - Leave 12:15pm, return 5pm Under 18 Basketball v Riverside (HOME) 4pm tip off
<b>26/11/2025</b>	1st XI Football v King John (HOME) 2pm Year 8/9 Indoor Athletics @ Lee Valley - Leave 1:30pm, return 7pm
<b>27/11/2025</b>	Under 16 Basketball v KEGS (HOME) 4pm tip off Year 8 'B' Basketball v Cecil (AWAY) 4:15pm tip off - Return 6pm
<b>28/11/2025</b>	School Closed
<b>1/12/2025</b>	School Closed
<b>2/12/2025</b>	Under 13 Basketball v Southend High (AWAY) 4pm tip off - return 5:45pm Under 18 Basketball v KEGS (AWAY) 4pm tip off - Leave 2:30pm, return 6:30pm Under 14 Basketball v Northfleet (HOME) 4pm tip off
<b>3/12/2025</b>	1st XI V Copleston (AWAY) 2pm kick off - Leave 12pm, return 6pm Year 8/9 Indoor Athletics @ Lee Valley - TBC
<b>4/12/2025</b>	Under 16 Basketball v Gateway (AWAY) 3:30pm tip off - Leave 2:30pm, return 6pm
<b>5/12/2025</b>	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) <b>FIXTURES</b>	Year 12/13 Basketball (SB) Yr7-9 Rugby (AAC & EwM) <b>FIXTURES</b>	Year 8 Football - A + B Team Training (JEN) <b>FIXTURES</b>	Badminton Club (All Years) (SB) <b>FIXTURES</b>	Week 1 - Year 9 'A' Team football training (MH/AH) Week 2 - Year 9 Open football training (MH/AH) Indoor Athletics (AAC) <b>FIXTURES</b>

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Before School</b>	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)
<b>Breaktime</b>	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
<b>Lunchtime</b>	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)
<b>After School</b>	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*