

# PARENT CARER BULLETIN



*Week Commencing 9 February 2026*



## News & Notices:

### *Transition Days, July 2026*

We are pleased to confirm that our Year 6 Transition Days will take place on 13 and 14 July this year.

These two days are an important opportunity for pupils to begin their journey with us, become familiar with the school environment, and meet staff and fellow students. Our transition programme is designed to be supportive, engaging and reassuring, helping students feel confident and excited about the next stage of their education.

We very much look forward to welcoming our new students in July and working closely with them as they prepare for a positive and successful start with us in September.

Further details will be shared with families in due course.



# **Year 8 & 9 parent/carer reminder**



**JULIAN SEDGWICK  
AUTHOR VISIT**

MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

PLEASE PAY VIA PARENTPAY  
(ALL OF YEAR 8 & 9)

£2.50- AUTHOR TALK

£9.50 - AUTHOR TALK AND SIGNED BOOK

## *Strong Performance from Boys' Basketball Team at OSA Area Finals*

The boys' basketball team competed in the Area Competition this week, hosted by OSA, following weeks of dedicated lunchtime training.

Their hard work paid off as they lost just one pool match and progressed confidently to the semi-finals, where they secured an impressive win against Samuel Ward Academy.

Despite a spirited effort in the final, the team were narrowly beaten by a strong OSA home side. It was an excellent afternoon of basketball, and the boys should be very proud of their performance and commitment.



## *Lost Property & Confiscated Jewellery*

Parents and carers are kindly reminded that students should check the Lost Property stand at Reception before Friday 13 February. All unclaimed items will be cleared on this date, with belongings either donated or disposed of. Students are encouraged to check the collection promptly to ensure any missing items are recovered.

Jewellery confiscated during January and February may also be collected on Friday 13 February at 3.00pm from Reception. Students will be asked to confirm their name and the item before it is returned.

Thank you for your continued support.



# *Spring 2026 Term Dates*

- **Tuesday 6 January:** Spring Term starts.
- **Monday 16 – Friday 20 February:** Half Term.
- **Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April:** Easter Break

## *Events this February*

- **Monday 9 February:** Author, Julian Sedgewick, visits Year 8 and 9 students for a talk and signed book.
- **Monday 9 February:** Madrid Information Meeting via Teams, commencing 5:30pm.
- **Friday 13 February:** final full school day before Half Term.
- **Saturday 14 February:** Madrid Trip 26 departs
- **Wednesday 18 February:** Madrid Trip 26 returns
- **Monday 23 February:** students return from Half Term.





# THE FUTURE SKILLS PROGRAMME: CAREERS IN STEM

For Yr 9 &  
Yr 10/S3  
and S4



Explore STEM careers in four key pathways during February half term!



## What is involved?

- A comprehensive experience **delivered virtually in February.**
- **Live Q&A sessions with STEM professionals** in Net Zero futures, Digital AI futures, Health and Life Sciences, Engineering & Infrastructure and Manufacturing futures.
- **CV, applications and interview support.**
- Interactive panel **Q&A sessions with universities & apprentices.**
- Learn how to succeed in the workplace, including **how to ask questions, network and write professional emails.**
- Achieve the **Bronze Industrial Cadet Award.**

## Dates

- 20 hours of study to complete flexibly over 5 days in February.
- Monday 16th – Friday 21st February.

## Cost/Funding

- £50 (bursaries available, click [here](#) for bursary criteria and availability).

## How to register or find out more

To register, please visit our website [here](#) or **scan the QR code!**



# Welcome to Our School Community

There is always something happening across our school, and we are proud to share the successes, achievements, and everyday moments that make our community thrive. From sporting events and enrichment activities to key dates and important updates, our website and social media keep you informed and connected.

These platforms are updated regularly with vital information, celebrations of student success, and important notices for parents, carers, and students.

We encourage you to check in often and follow us online to stay up to date and involved in school life.

Thank you for your continued support — we look forward to sharing many more highlights with you.

