



Spotlight

Benjamin Britten Academy of Music and Mathematics Newsletter Edition 43

Main Feature: Year 10 GCSE Poland Trip

From 4 to 6 March, a group of 32 Year 10 GCSE History scholars flew to Krakow in Poland where, amongst other things, they ventured 130m underground to explore the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where they were able to marvel at the array of delicate carvings and decorations all crafted from the naturally occurring salt, which was mined continuously from 1363 to 1996. One of the most striking moments came from visiting the St. Kinga Chapel and seeing the salt crystal chandelier. Scholars descended through a 3.5-kilometre long tourist route which took them past chapels, lakes, and original mining equipment. Afterwards, the group visited Schindler's Museum and were later able to visit the Auschwitz concentration camp for a sobering and moving examination of the events leading up to the Holocaust, and the horrific stories of suffering that went on behind its barbed wire fences. Mr Barber (History) extends his appreciation to all who participated and congratulates scholars on their excellent behaviour, maturity and willingness to ask questions.



Above, left: Year 10 scholars pictured underground in the spectacular Wieliczka Salt Mines.

Above, right: Scholars also visited the Auschwitz concentration camp.

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Year News

Year 8: Year 8 have been working incredibly hard in lessons. So far this year, they have earned a massive total of 24,427 positive points since the beginning of the academic year. This is a testament to the amazing work and effort that they have demonstrated. 118 scholars have been awarded their Gold certificate, which marks 100 points earned this year. An excellent achievement - well done!

As a celebration for all of the hard work and effort from our Year 8 scholars, the year team arranged a sweetie treat in January. Scholars

were able to come together and choose their pick 'n mix. At the end of this term, we will be selecting scholars to receive a waffle reward on the last day of term. We wish all of our scholars and parents a wonderful break! **-Mrs Hammond and Mrs Reeder**



Year 9: It has been a busy term for our Year 9 scholars! They successfully completed their formal set of assessments and have selected their GCSE option choices ready for next academic year.

On Tuesday 1 April, we also recognised 61 Year 9 scholars for their exceptional effort and behaviour with a Waffle Reward Afternoon in which scholars could load heated waffles with ice cream, whipped cream and a choice of sauces, sprinkles and marshmallows. We are extremely proud of the achievements of our Year 9 scholars this term and wish them and their families an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

-Mrs Adams and Mrs Knights



61 Year 9 scholars were recently invited to the Waffle Reward Afternoon in recognition of their exceptional effort and behaviour over the last term.

Trip News

Norfolk Lakes Residential: From 10-13 March, over 70 Year 7 scholars participated in a two-day residential trip at Manor Adventures in Norfolk. During the trip, they engaged in various activities that challenged their problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and resilience. Archery tested the scholars' accuracy with arrows, and several managed to hit the bullseye! Raft building encouraged collaboration and communication as groups worked together to construct rafts and then put them to the test on the water. The blind trial required participants to rely on their communication skills to guide each other through an obstacle course while blindfolded. Survival skills activities included building shelters and starting campfires. Additional activities included canoeing, Manor Olympics, low ropes, a campfire, and a disco. Scholars thoroughly enjoyed their time on the trip and Mr Cook (Head of Year 7) congratulates them on their exemplary behaviour throughout the trip.



Year 7 scholars took part in a variety of team building activities on the Norfolk Lakes Residential trip in March.



This included archery, raft-building, canoeing and enjoying an evening round the campfire.



Geography Trips: Year 7 scholars have started to look at the topic we call 'Off to the Coast' and the majority of the year group took part in a day exploring the coastal management in place between Corton and South Beach, Lowestoft. They were able to see the effects of longshore drift by examining beach material and then constructed their own defended settlement on the beach. Sadly all their settlements were affected by a tidal surge but many were well defended and survived it.

Year 10 GCSE scholars have completed their first compulsory fieldwork in Norwich where they looked at how land use and environmental quality changes between the suburbs and the city centre. This was followed up by collecting secondary data and analysing this in class. They also had the opportunity to support their learning of regeneration in London with a day visit to the Olympic Park.

Year 10 GCSE Geography scholars have also had the chance to experience a day at East Norfolk College where they had taster sessions in A-Levels in Geography, Geology and Environmental Science giving them a really good experience of what they will study at A level.

Philanthropy News

Holocaust Memorial Day: This year's Holocaust Memorial Day coincided with the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp in 1945. Head Girl J. Walker and Head Boy J. Pullinger represented the School at the commemoration event held at Lowestoft Station where they read a poem, 'Zog Nit Keynmol' ('Never Say') also known as the Hymn of the Partisans where they joined local councillors and the Mayor of Lowestoft in laying a wreath. They also led year group assemblies throughout the week, showing a presentation on the Holocaust which emphasised how we all have a responsibility counter dangerous rhetoric and racism in all forms.

Charity Hair Cut: On 26 January, Year 9 scholar **A. Cone raised over £300 for the Little Princess Trust** charity by having twelve inches of her hair cut off to raise awareness of young people experiencing cancer treatment. Her chosen charity, The Little Princess Trust, provides high-quality, real-hair wigs for young girls who have lost their hair through cancer treatment. The School joins together in congratulating her on her selflessness and kindness.

Charity Sleep-Out: On Friday 14 March, three Britten scholars took part in 'The Great Tommy Sleep Out' to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Army cadets and Britten scholars T. Sharples, C. Sharples and L. Murray completed the sleep-out which happened to take place during one of the coldest nights in March, **raising over £200 for charity** (see right). The whole School congratulates them on their dedication and perseverance.



BRAK Month: The School recently launched its annual BRAK Month (Benji's Random Acts of Kindness) both in school and the wider community. For every entry scholars submit, they will be entered into a prize draw. Mrs Armon (Head of Lower School) is looking forward to reading through all the entries once school resumes after the Easter break.

SO, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO AS A SCHOOL?

Benji's Random Acts of Kindness (BRAK) Month

Throughout the next month, we are all going to take part in Random Acts of Kindness. You need to complete the Google Form each time you carry out a RAK and you will be entered into a draw. 1 entry = 1 ticket into the draw. You can enter as many times as you like!
Prizes will be awarded at the end of April.



Philanthropy News

Non-Uniform Day: On 17 March, the School held a fancy dress non-uniform day for staff and scholars to raise money for charity and to celebrate World Book Day. Those supported included, Comic Relief, Water Aid (chosen by the Humanities Department), UNICEF (chosen by the Languages Department), Young Enterprise (chosen by the Mathematics Department), Norwich Homeless Support (chosen by the Vocational Department) and Spinal Muscular Atrophy UK (chosen by Year 9 scholar H. White). The English Department's Gothic improvisations were ultimately awarded 'Best Costume'.



Help for Families



Please contact Mrs Overy for help and support in the following areas.

For example:

- Help with completing application forms
- Understanding what is needed

Help for Households

Cost of Living Support

Local Welfare Assistance Scheme

East Suffolk: What Help is Available to Me?

School Food Bank

c.overy@benjaminbritten.school

Community, Fundraising and Events Coordinator

Useful Links:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/squeeze/i-need-help/>

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/suffolk-local-welfare-assistance-scheme>

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/cost-of-living-support>

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

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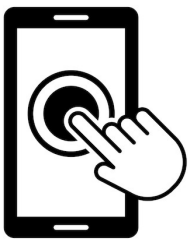
Mobile Phone Policy

Scholars are not permitted to be in possession of a mobile phone, or any electronic device, during the school day.

Any phone or device brought into school must be deposited with the relevant Year Teams promptly upon arrival where it will be held in secure storage.

The phone/device can then be collected at 3:15pm.

The School reserves the right to confiscate any mobile phone/device found in possession of a scholar during the school day, including at break and lunchtime, and to only return the phone/device at 3:15pm to a parent or carer.



If parents or carers need to urgently contact their child, they should do so by communicating with the main school office on (01502) 582 312, whereupon a message will be relayed immediately.



Bicycle Safety

The School strongly recommends that scholars cycling to and from school are equipped with a bicycle helmet. Bicycle locks are also recommended.

A reminder that bicycles should NOT be ridden on the school site.

All cyclists are reminded of the importance of careful and considerate use of the public roads, particularly to and from school, when vehicle traffic increases.

In law, a bicycle is regarded as a vehicle and should be used responsibly.

Any cyclist can be **stopped by the Police for riding a bicycle recklessly on a road or in a dangerous, careless or inconsiderate manner under the Road Traffic Act (1991).**



The maximum fine that a court can impose in a case of dangerous cycling is £2,500.



School Safeguarding

Safeguarding is a priority at the Benjamin Britten School and entails keeping the school community safe from harm, abuse, or injury.

This duty of care is taken very seriously. All staff receive annual safeguarding training and ensure that safer recruiting practices are followed. Scholars are reminded of the need for safeguarding and key safeguarding messages are provided through Social Ethics lessons, tutorial time activities, and year assemblies.

The School is committed to safeguarding scholars, staff and visitors.

We expect all staff, volunteers, and visitors to share this commitment and brief them on our procedures and practices when they arrive. Safeguarding incorporates the prevention of extremism and radicalisation as well as child protection, and concentrates on the wellbeing of the young person. The School aims to ensure any indication that a young person is not thriving or is failing to meet his or her potential is detected as soon as possible.

If you have any concerns and would like to discuss them with the safeguarding team in the strictest of confidence, please contact Mrs Thurbon, the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Discamus ut Serviamus



We Learn that
We May Serve

School Notice

Parents & carers must advise the relevant year team of any planned absence (e.g. medical appointments) **at least 24 hours in advance** to enable school staff to complete the necessary paperwork in a timely manner.

Without this notice, the School cannot guarantee that scholars will be ready for collection when required.

School Nursing Service

The School Nursing Service, provided by Suffolk County Council, is available **every Monday lunchtime in Meeting Room 2 with Christina**. Appointments can be made any time between 1:15 and 2:00 and can cover a wide range of concerns including mental health, physical health, drug awareness and stress. ***All meetings are confidential.***

Mathematics News

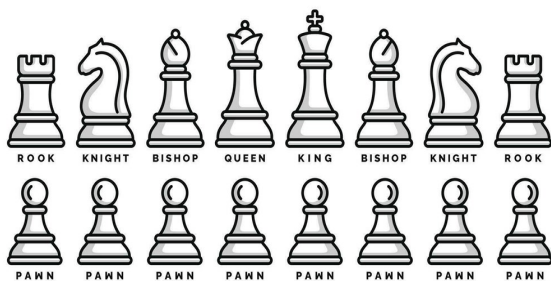
UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge: The UKMT Intermediate Challenge took place for Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 scholars earlier this year. For the most recent competition, Benjamin Britten fielded 52 entrants, **achieving 7 Gold, 9 Silver and 9 Bronze certificates over the three year groups.** Six scholars, namely J. Edwards, I. Smith, and O. Symonds in Year 10, and J. Pullinger, C. Simms and A. Thorn in Year 11, were invited into the follow-on round, known as the Pink Kangaroo, where results will be published after the Easter break.

The UKMT Team Challenge (**see below**) took place on the 28 March at Framlingham College where 11 schools were represented. The event consisted of four rounds: Group, Shuttle, Cross Number and Relay. Britten scholars F. Cassidy, D. Simms, S. Vale and E. Willimott competed valiantly, and despite not achieving a top three place to progress to the national finals, **they were able to beat our sister school at Hartismere which they were very gratified with.** Mr Lowe (maths) was pleased to report that all scholars thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school.



Above, left: UKMT Maths Challenge entrants pictured at Framlingham College.

Above, right: Scholars pictured deep in concentration during the Maths Challenge.

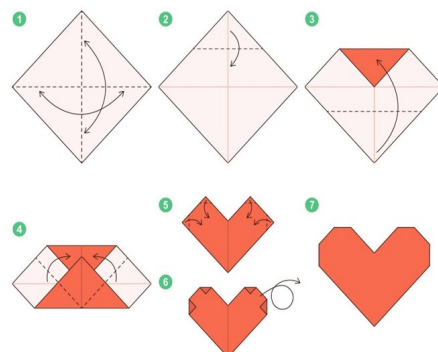


Chess Club

Every Tuesday, Maths Library

3:15-4:15 with Mr Mensah & Mr Fawcett

All welcome



Origami Club

Every Friday, Maths Room 6

3:15-4:15 with Miss Does

All welcome

Careers & Clubs News

UEA for a Day trip: On 25 March, 17 Year 9 scholars attended the annual UEA for a Day trip which allows scholars to experience what life is like at university and to ask questions of UEA staff and ambassadors. After arriving at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, the day began with a workshop carousel, followed by a tour of the campus led by UEA ambassadors. The day concluded with a myth-busting Q&A session. Mr Mullender (Careers) extends his appreciation to scholars who behaved impeccably throughout and to staff for driving the minibuses.

Curricular Enrichment Clubs: Mrs Armon would like to say a huge congratulations to all scholars who have taken part in extracurricular clubs this term. **There has been a whopping 9,838 attendances at clubs so far this academic year, with 804 different scholars attending. This is amazing!**

Please remember to have a look at the clubs timetables on the school website, displayed in your form rooms, and at the Upper and Lower School offices.

Traybake Treats: At the end of **Autumn Term 1**, over 500 scholars in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were chosen to receive a 'traybake treat' for an excellent amount of positive behaviour points. For **Autumn Term 2**, just over 700 different scholars in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were rewarded for excellent attitude to learning, as nominated by their form tutors. For **Spring Term 1**, around 500 scholars were rewarded for excellent participation at extra curricular enrichment clubs. Mrs Armon congratulates all who received these awards for their hard work and dedication.

BSL Club: Mrs Poole is pleased to confirm the relaunch of BSL (British Sign Language) Club from 28 April in Languages Room 4, after school from 3:30-4pm. All scholars and staff are welcome to attend.

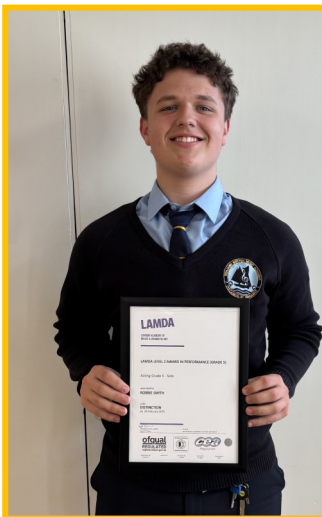
Summer Production Launch 2025: At lunchtime on Tuesday 1 April, the Performing Arts Department welcomed over 300 scholars and staff to the Theatre to launch the Benjamin Britten Summer Production 2025! Scholars were on the edges of their seats, as they sat down to find out the long-awaited reveal. A tense countdown clock increased the anticipation, with cheers and screams for 'Shrek The Musical' and 'Annie!' Scholars were incredibly happy to find out this year's show is... **Wizard of Oz!** A very popular musical after the release of the hit movie, Wicked. We look forward to auditioning our scholars after the Easter break. There is still time to join and sign up for our auditions via this link: <https://forms.gle/sLbVk5MMRHazWnk87> *Will you join us down the Yellow Brick Road? Let's take an adventure to see the Wizard, it's just Over The Rainbow!*



Performing Arts News

LAMDA Results: Eleven scholars across years 8, 9, 10 and 11 recently took their LAMDA exams (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art). This is a program, funded by the school, offering practical exams in speech, communication and performance where scholars have the opportunity to study Musical Theatre, Acting or Verse and Prose. A grade 6 and above in any discipline is worth UCAS points.

All eleven scored Distinction, the highest level possible. Congratulations to: *O. Whittington, O. Wilson, F. Cassidy, R. Smith, R. Low, S. Ward, L. Porter, L. Reid, I. Parr, G. Roberts, A. Hill.*



The Little Mermaid: This Easter, the Performing Arts Department had the absolute pleasure of watching The Little Mermaid performed by the incredibly talented B&B Young People's Theatre Group – and we were completely blown away! A huge well done to our amazing scholars: **H. Short, G. Short, L. Reid, P. Denning, S. Garrod, O. Bagshaw, P. Bagshaw, and O. Wilson**, who all shone on stage with their energy, commitment, and talent. It was a joy to see them bring the story to life with such professionalism and passion. We could not be more proud of everything they achieved. A special congratulations to B&B Young People's Theatre Group for creating such a brilliant platform for young performers to thrive – what an amazing company!



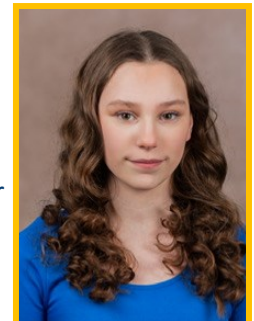
Performing Arts News

The Performing Arts Department are also incredibly proud of F. Cassidy for his recent achievement in a highly competitive musical theatre contest. He wowed the judges with his powerful rendition of 'Santa Fe' from Newsies. His standout performance earned him a VIP place on the exclusive Beginner's Call Musical Theatre course in London. He also attended masterclasses led by top West End and industry professionals, including course founders Carrie Hope-Fletcher and Joel Montague. What an incredible experience!



D. Simms has had an amazing run recently! She has performed in the UK Tour of Les Misérables, starred in Panto at Theatre Royal Norwich and spent three years at the Marina Theatre in Lowestoft. She recently appeared in a globally-aired Pokémon TV commercial and is now through to the semi-finals of West End Calling this May. On top of that, she has just qualified for the Regional Finals of All England Dance next May. Everyone at Benjamin Britten is very proud of her efforts.

The Performing Arts Department are absolutely thrilled to announce that L. Rigby has been awarded a full scholarship with West End Kids. To top it off, she was also invited to attend their prestigious residential summer programme! In addition, she also earned a scholarship with English Youth Ballet for their production of Swan Lake, performing as a cygnet at Norwich Theatre Royal, and was invited to audition for their new production of Sleeping Beauty. She is also working on her Grade 6 Acting with LAMDA, further showcasing her commitment to growing as a performer across multiple disciplines. Such widespread success in a competitive environment speaks volumes about her talent and determination.



We are incredibly proud of E. Smith, who will shortly be performing in the English Youth Ballet's production of Sleeping Beauty at the Theatre Royal Norwich. This exciting opportunity is a wonderful recognition of her talent and dedication to dance. On top of that, she has just achieved distinctions in both her Grade 5 Ballet and Grade 4 Tap exams —an amazing accomplishment that reflects all her hard work and passion.

We are also very proud of H. Lewis and A. Cone who have been chosen by the English Youth Ballet to perform at the Theatre Royal Norwich. Their dedication to the arts is clear—not only through this amazing achievement, but also in their commitment to their song workshop club and hard work towards their LAMDA exams.



Mrs Breen (Drama) is pleased to report the outstanding achievement of Year 11 scholar G. Roberts, who earned a Distinction in Grade 8 Gold Medal Solo Acting, equivalent to an A-Level in his recent LAMDA exams. He has also chosen to continue his LAMDA journey after leaving school this July, pursuing a diploma in the field. His dedication and talent are a true testament to the excellence within the School. The Performing Arts Department are certain that he will accomplish great things in the future!

Performing Arts News

Norfolk County Music Festival: On 11 March, the Britten Choir and Elite Harmony group attended the Norfolk County Music Festival. Scholars showcased their amazing talent, not only to sing, but to blend their voices beautifully in harmony. Both choirs received a Highly Commended Plus scoring by professional adjudicators, which was the highest in their divisions. The Britten Choir performed wonderful renditions of 'How Far I'll Go' from Moana and 'Birds of a Feather' by Billie Eilish. The Elite Harmony group wowed the audience with performances of 'I Will Survive' and 'Say a Little Prayer'. Miss Wareham and Miss Juganzon (music) congratulate them on their efforts. The top award winners were **F. Cassidy and R. Wisher** who each received an Outstanding Performance. Congratulations to: **F. Cassidy, D. Simms, L. Rigby, O. Bice, H. Leech, I. Taylor, O. Bagshaw, P. Overy, I. Braddick, E. Porter, O. Wilson, O. Johnston, E. Allsop, M. Ayers and R. Wisher.**



Britten Bands: On 20 March, The Britten Band and Junior Britten Band performed at the Norfolk County Music Festival to showcase their excellent musicianship and amazing performance abilities. The Junior Britten Band performed a wonderful rendition of 'Let it Be' by The Beatles and received a Highly Commended Plus award. Congratulations to the Junior Britten Band: **H. Chapman, J. Taylor, L. Harper, O. Wilson**



and B. King. The legendary Britten Band stormed the stage with two rock classics, including 'Don't Look Back in Anger' by Oasis and 'You Give Love A Bad Name' by Bon Jovi. The Band won the Highly Commended Plus award. We also had two GCSE Music scholars on their performance debut, both receiving Highly Commended Plus awards (**T. Brown and A. Harper, respectively**). Congratulations to the Britten Band: **J. Cooper, O. Gunton, E. Edwards, O. Symonds, J. Nicholson and H. Leech.**

Woodwind Ensemble: On 18 March, the Britten Woodwind ensemble, consisting of clarinets, saxophone and flute, performed at the Norfolk County Music Festival. Scholars performed beautifully and received excellent feedback from an incredibly well-known composer and performer and were awarded a Highly Commended Plus award, exceeding their award from 2024. Congratulations to: **M. Larmond, E. Huarayo, L. Devine and H. Weavers.**



RSL Awards Success: Fifteen music scholars recently completed their exams through RSL Awards and Trinity College London. These achievements are the result of their dedication, hard work, and passion, and they could not do it without the support of the teachers from The Wharf and the Suffolk Music Hub.

Congratulations to: **B. Agbey (Piano, Distinction), A. Cole (Piano, Merit), B. King (Vocals, Merit), F. Meadows (Piano, Distinction), L. Murray (Trumpet, Pass), P. Overy (Vocals, Distinction), K. Pickess (Piano, Distinction), O. Porter (Cornet, Pass), T. Rayment (Cornet, Pass), J. Taylor (Piano, Distinction), L. Taylor (Piano, Merit), O. Wilson (Electric Guitar, Merit), L. Harper (Electric Guitar, Merit) and L. Phillips (Vocals, Merit).**

And in Other News...

Debate Competition:

A trio of Debating Society members attended the inaugural East Norfolk Sixth Form College inter-school debating competition on 30 January. Despite their numbers having been considerably depleted by illness, the team gave a fantastic performance in response to the motion, '*This House believes that schools should dedicate more time to the teaching of climate and climate change*' **scoring 121 points** from the judges and **finishing a very credible second place**, only one point behind the winning team from Acle Academy. Mr Mullender (Careers) congratulates **J. Pullinger, O. Porter and X. Johnson** for their efforts.

Year 9 Options Evening:

On the evening of the 6 March, over 200 Year 9 scholars and their family members were invited to the school to discuss the selection process for GCSE Options, which will take scholars to the end of their studies in Year 11. Mr Sidell and Mrs Jenkins presented information in the Theatre, whilst options subject staff were on hand to answer questions about their respective courses. The Dining Hall also hosted representatives from various local colleges and universities to provide information about post-18 options.

Staff Retirements:

At the end of the Spring Term, the School bade farewell to three members of staff. Firstly, **Mrs Sturman, Catering Manager at the school**, who retired after 17 years of service. Working tirelessly in the background, Mrs Sturman has overseen the preparation of tens of thousands of lunches in her time at Benjamin Britten. The Learning Support Department also announced the retirement of **Mrs Canham, Teaching Assistant**, who had worked at the school for 14 years. Mrs Canham had assisted hundreds of scholars with SEND provision and latterly was responsible for testing in the SEND area. Finally, after a long career, the last five years of which have been spent at Benjamin Britten, the retirement of **Mr Whiteley from the Vocational Department** removes from the school a teacher of great versatility and kindness, whose culinary expertise, good humour and patience will be greatly missed. The School wishes them all a very well-earned and enjoyable retirement.

Achievement Point Changes:

Mrs Armon is pleased to announce that, beginning after the Easter break, positive behaviour points will be increasing their worth! At present, positive behaviour points are worth 1 point each, but some will now be changing to 3 points, and some to 5 points.

Headteacher's Award:

The following scholars received the Headteacher's Award in the form of a specially-commissioned school scarf for academic success over the spring term:

Congratulations to:

Year 7: A. Halse, H. Barker

Year 8: C. Bennett and B. King



And in Other News

Girls' Football Match:

Miss Gardener (P.E) hosted a Year 7 vs Year 8 girls' football friendly on the School's new 3G Astro Pitch in March. The girls played very well and very much enjoyed the new pitch. The match had a great atmosphere and succeeded in building the confidence of all players. Miss Gardener and the teams are looking forward to the next match in the new term. The new pitch is already proving a huge success, playing host to over 30 local football training sessions and matches after school.



Creative Writing Club:

Miss Baumgartner (English) is pleased to report that seven of the original fourteen participants of Creative Writing Club made it to the finish line: O. Beavers, L. Martin, D. England, C. Newton, L. Harmer, L. Phillips, A. Richardson. **Collectively, the group wrote 27,024 words, with three scholars writing over 6,500 each!** Beginning in October and running on a weekly basis after school until February, the group spent many hours perfecting their writing skills. Topics on show this year ranged from an enemies-to-lovers KDrama, a modern retelling of Romeo and Juliet, and magical tales galore. The group's efforts will be published in June 2025. Miss Baumgartner congratulates all who took part and thanks them for their efforts.



Ofsted Inspection:

The School was pleased to welcome a team of Ofsted Inspectors to the School from 21-22 January. During their visit, Inspectors assessed the School in the following areas: *quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, leadership and management, and personal development*. After speaking with staff and scholars, analysing data and visiting lessons, **Inspectors awarded a score of 'Good' in the first three areas and 'Outstanding' in the fourth**, results with which the School can be justly proud. The results of the inspection are a testament to the dedication of staff and scholars alike, who continue to work for the benefit of our wider community through the embodying of our school motto, 'Discamus ut Serviamus', 'We Learn that we may Serve'. Headteachers Miss Thurbon and Dr Ridley extend their gratitude and appreciation to everyone involved.

Form Group Results: Mr Sweetman is pleased to report the final standings from the tutor group achievement points competition held for Spring Term 1:

7ABu: 746 points 8EWm: 644 points

9LCh: 515 points

10DBa: 439 points

11ALo: 335 points

Uniform Reminder

SHOES - Formal black shoes, with a leather upper, of a safe and comfortable style and heel height. Footwear that looks like boots/trainers, or are made of canvas or have flashes of colour, are not acceptable.

JEWELLERY - Small sleeper type earrings or small discreet studs may be worn, no bigger than a 5p coin (one in each ear). No nose studs, facial or body piercing is permitted.
This includes plastic stud retainers.

HAIR - Hair should be of natural colour and style.

MAKE-UP - Make-up is not permitted, including fake tan.

NAILS - Nail varnish/false nails must not be worn.

EYELASHES - False eyelashes and eyelash extensions are not permitted.

COATS & HOODIES - Coats and hoodies must not be worn in school. They are to be removed upon entering the school building. Hoodies will be confiscated if seen being worn inside.

The School reserves the right not to accept scholars in school who exceed what the School sees as reasonable.

Attention Parents

Parents/carers are reminded of the need to exercise consideration when parking in the local community while collecting their children from school.

Roads adjoining the School are residential areas that need to remain accessible at all times.

Please pay close attention to double-yellow lines, zig-zag marking, dropped kerbs and driveways when waiting with, or parking, your vehicle.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

