



9 January 2026

# NEWS & VIEWS

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Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster  
& Deputy CEO

## Headteacher's Comment:

This week, we have been meeting with pupils in **Years 7–10** to explain the introduction of **Phone Locker pouches** from June 2026. These are designed to support pupils' **focus, wellbeing and safeguarding** during the school day. This approach strengthens our existing mobile phone expectations, by providing a consistent physical barrier to phone use, while pupils continue to keep their devices with them at all times.

**Pupils who require access to a device for medical reasons** will have an alternative accessible pouch for conditions such as diabetes. Families where this applies will be contacted individually to ensure their child's needs are fully supported.

Further details will be sent out shortly regarding the **Phone Pouches**, along with **FAQ document**, which includes a link to a short video explaining how the system works. Please use the link [here](#) for further information.



Thank you for your continued support as we take this positive step for our school community.

## Year 10 GCSE Art

Year 10 GCSE Art pupils started their coursework unit this week. Over Christmas, they had their first task of choosing their theme and completing a tonal study using shading pencils.

We are extremely impressed with the quality of their work and the dedication that pupils have shown.

Opposite are a few examples of the work completed by **Summer, Chris, Paisley, Anjali, Andrew, Megan, Lucia and Darcey**.



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## MFL Christmas Card Competition

Year 7 pupils entered our MFL Christmas card competition before we broke up for Christmas, bringing festive cheer to the school by writing Christmas cards in a variety of different languages including French, German, Spanish and even Hawaiian!

They carefully decorated their cards, and learnt how to share holiday wishes in cultures from all over the world. All pupils received a certificate and a prize!

Pictured opposite  
Sabrina, Isla, Jago,  
(pictured alone)  
Betsy, Sophia, Chiara,  
Jasmine, Amelie



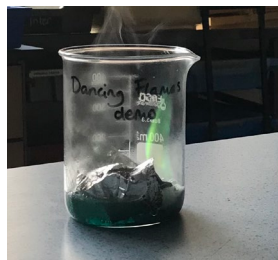
## KS3 Science Club

KS3 Science Club had a fantastic Autumn term, with over 50 budding scientists attending every week! Due to its popularity, this term the club will run **Year 7 in Week A** and **Year 8 in Week B**.

We have lots more exciting practicals planned, including **burning money**, **squeaky pop tests**, **chromatography**, **distillation**, and much more!

We will also be continuing with crowd-favourite demonstrations such as **whoosh bottles**, **dancing flames**, and **elephant's toothpaste**.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled and explosive term!



## Dates for the Diary

- 12.01.2026 – Year 13 PPEs commence
- Year 12 EPQ Drop Down Day
- 13.01.2026 – Year 10 & Year 12 National Theatre Drama Trip
- 14.01.2026 – Year 10 Royal Navy Chef Visit
- Year 11 Exams Anxiety Parents' Evening
- 15.01.2026 – Year 10 Royal Navy Chef Visit
- 16.01.2026 – Selected pupils Brentwood Ski Centre
- 17.01.2026 – Year 12 Othello Theatre Trip

### Word of the Week 15

#### Week 15 rejuvenate



**verb:** to restore energy, freshness, or strength

**Sentence:** The exercise and fresh air rejuvenated me.



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