



19 September 2025

NEWS & VIEWS

Be the best you can be.

Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

Headteacher's Comment:

At the end of last term, I sent out a parent questionnaire and 300 parents responded. It was pleasing to see that of the parents who responded, 84% recommend the school and there were lots of positives regarding the school's progress. Just as importantly, it has highlighted areas that we do want to improve in, such as communication and progress feedback. You may have noticed that we have already had 'Information Evenings' for every year group in the first 3 weeks of term and we now have face to face parent evenings for Year 7, 11 and 13 in response to this feedback. We will continue to improve our response times to parental communication on an individual basis which we know sometimes takes longer than we would like.

You may have read in last week's edition, Aidan Buckley's piece titled 'Chasing the Beat'. This detailed Aidan's journey as an upcoming DJ and his subsequent Jack Petchey Award. In addition, I wish to also recognise the hours that Aidan gives back to the school as resident technician in all things related to our Music and Drama department and I am delighted to award him this week's Headteacher Award.



Royal Navy Visit

Last week, our Year 9 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to work with Navy Attract over two action-packed days. Day one began with an inspiring assembly introducing the wide variety of roles in the Royal Navy, covering post-16, post-18, and postgraduate pathways, while also breaking down common stereotypes. In smaller sessions, every pupil took part in hands-on challenges designed to strengthen transferable skills. A highlight was the communication tower task, where teams imagined supporting a Caribbean island after an earthquake. To win, their towers had to be the tallest and withstand the "earthquake test." Pupils developed teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills, especially when they were challenged to dismantle their towers silently to avoid detection!



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PE Fixtures

Well done to our U16 football girls winning their first round of the National Cup 7-1. Our year 8 boys also kicked off their National Cup campaign with a 9-2 win!

Our year 11 girls played their first Mid Essex Division 1 League netball this week which resulted in a 30-12 victory.



In the Lee Valley Regional Cross Country, all of our runners performed brilliantly. Special mention must go to Erin Kelly (Year 10), who came 2nd and Emmie Lole (Year 11), who came 4th in the U16 race.



Mrs Swan Representing England

Mrs Swan, Head of PE & Performing Arts, recently represented England in the BWF World Senior Badminton Championships in Pattaya, Thailand.

Here, she gained a bronze medal in the ladies doubles. Mrs Swan and her partner were the only European players to make the semi-final stage of the competition in their age group. They lost to the eventual winners from Japan, having beaten National Champions from India, Germany & Thailand en route to the podium.



Dates for the Diary

- 22.09.2025 – Year 13 Information Evening
School Tours continue this week
- 24.09.2025 – Flu Vaccines
- 25.09.2025 – Year 11 & 13 Trip to Stratford Upon Avon
WaterBear, Higher Education Visiting Speaker
- 26.09.2025 – Year 7 House Evening

Word of the Week Week 3 petrichor



noun: The pleasant, earthy smell after rain.
Sentence: Petrichor is the earthy scent produced when rain falls on dry soil.

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