



6 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Admissions Offers – Year 6, Year 10 Parents' Evening – 11 March 2026, House Sports Competitions – 11 March 2026, Parental Engagement Events this Half Term

Welcome to my end of week update letter. This week it is a bit shorter!

We have seen some sporting success this week as our Year 7 footballers beat NK 4-1 and our Year 8 girls won their football competition too against strong opposition. Well done to everyone involved. We have also celebrated World Book Day. This is a regular feature in the calendar and is so important to raise the profile of reading for pleasure. Thank you to Mrs Murdoch for her tireless work in this regard.

Admissions Offers – Year 6

Offers have now been made to Year 6 families and it is clear that we will have a full roll again in September. What is particularly interesting is that, unlike any other year in my tenure, we have a large number of younger siblings joining in September which has meant that the number of places available in criteria 5 and 6 has been diminished. We are really glad that families with a child already with us continue to choose the Academy and look forward to working with you all as we prepare to greet your youngsters who will join us soon.

Year 10 Parents' Evening – 11 March 2026

This event is scheduled for next Wednesday between 4pm and 7pm. Appointments remain open on SchoolCloud until 10pm on Tuesday evening.

KS4 SEND Parental Engagement Afternoon – 25 March 2026

We will be holding a KS4 SEND Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday 25 March 2026 from 1:30pm-2:30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to meet our SEND team and for us to share the provisions we have available for your child. Further information will be communicated in due course.

House Sports Competitions – 11 March 2026

Students taking part in these competitions need to come to school in usual uniform for the day. This is a change from the last House sport afternoon but is necessary on this occasion please.

Parental Engagement Events this Half Term

You will have received a letter regarding our upcoming Parental Engagement session on 11 March 2026 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.

Please complete and submit the [Microsoft Form Link](#) to Microsoft Forms should you wish to attend. The focus of this session will be behaviour and pastoral care.

This week has been show week and it has been truly remarkable, with a cast of over one hundred students across all seven year groups. To see them bonding, forming friendships, working together as a team and trusting each other has been a true privilege and the quality of the performances were out of this world. Miss France and her performing arts team deserve huge thanks for their time, effort and commitment to our young people. A massive thanks must also go to my wider staff team who have helped make the set, acted as chaperones and been there as mentors every step of the way. I am one very proud Head.

I will sign off with the words of French author, Emile Zola, a particular favourite of mine as a modern linguist, who said “We are like books. Most people only see our covers, the minority read only the introduction, many people believe the critics. Few will know the content.”

What a great metaphor for life.

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster

