October 2026

Year 11 newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

This half-term, our students have made an excellent start to their GCSE journey, and I would like to congratulate them on their hard work, commitment, and positive attitude. Alongside their academic studies, we have focused on developing strong organisational skills and effective study habits to support their success throughout the year. We have also created opportunities for students to strengthen relationships with their peers and make the most of their final year together in the lower school community. We are incredibly proud of the mature and enthusiastic approach they have shown so far and look forward to seeing their continued progress next half-term as they approach mocks. I wish all students a restful and happy half-term.

Warm regards,
Miss H White, Head of Year 11

Key dates

Year 11 mocks: Monday 16th November – Thursday 26th November
Please see Revision Guides for key information, timetables and follow the QR code below to give study leave permissions. Students will receive their personal exam timetables the first week back after half-term.
Monday 2nd November: Late start – school starts at 9.55am
Friday 13th November: INSET Day– school closed to students
Thursday 10th December: Late start for all pupils – school starts at 9.55am
Friday 18th December: Early finish – school ends at approximately 12:20pm



PSHE sessions

This half – term students will be exploring the topic of personal safety.
Session 1: Staying safe on nights out
Session 2: Understanding online risk and online gambling
Session 3: MOCKS
Session 4: MOCKS
Session 5: Mock celebration breakfast and Taskmaster games. Students will spend this session celebrating the end of their mocks and their success.
Session 6: Ethics of Life session

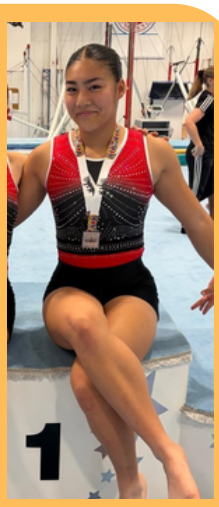
Useful information

- Leave of absence requests for one day of absence should be made **at least two full school days** in advance of the event. Requests for longer leave of absence (more than one day) must be made **at least two weeks in advance**.
- For more information, visit Reporting your child's absence from school

Year 11 attendance is currently an average of 97.4%, with 112 students with an attendance of 100% which is an excellent achievement in a year where every day can make such a difference in their GCSE year. Good attendance is crucial for your child's education, development, and wellbeing. We encourage all parents to consult the official NHS "Is my child too ill for school?" guidance when unsure, and to contact the school if you need further advice or support.

Celebrating achievement in Year 11

Alyssa competed in the London region Women's Artistic Classic Bronze competition where she came 1st in age 15 category and 2nd out of 42 gymnasts across all age groups. She has qualified for the National finals and will compete in November for London.



At the end of Year 10 students took part in the Cambridge Biology Challenge, 4 of our students ranked 10th out of 941 teams nationally which is outstanding! A huge congratulations to Ananya, Aanya, Samanvi and Smriti.

WIMBLEDON BOOKFEST

A huge congratulations to Liliana, Persie and Nishka, who received distinctions and merits for their creative writing efforts by Wimbledon Book Festival. This competition was open to all schools in the South-West of London so this was an incredible achievement.

Smitakshi was recently invited to attend the LSCP board meeting in Sutton. Receiving this invitation is an incredible achievement and a brilliant opportunity to represent the views of young people and share their experiences directly with local decision-makers. This is a really exciting opportunity for Smitakshi to have her voice heard and contribute to discussions that affect young people across Sutton.

YOUNG COMMISSIONERS
The local youth voice in action

Please feel free to contact Miss White if you wish to share your daughter's achievements as we are keen to celebrate one another within the wider school community.

Pastoral support resources



Pastoral support

We have a range of support services available in school to help your child should they need some extra support. These include a school counsellor, ELSA, pastoral support officer, mental health champions and peer mentors. Please contact your child's Head of Year directly should you have any concerns.

TALK TO US
OFF THE RECORD

Off The Record

At our free online workshops we share practical tips and info about issues you might be struggling with and there is also the opportunity to meet other young people and share ideas in a safe and confidential chat room and Zoom (there is no pressure to appear on camera)

Education Wellbeing Service

Children's and Young People's Wellbeing Service

The South West London and St Georges Mental Health Education Wellbeing Service offers parent webinars across the year to help support your teen's wellbeing and mental health. Sign up here

They also have a very helpful YouTube channel with videos on a number of different topics surrounding young people's mental health.