



YEAR 9 NEWSLETTER

July 2025

The highlights

Report data and Achievement

Following the first set of reports in December, a number of scholars were placed on academic monitoring report. Following this intervention, I was so pleased to see that in the July report there was a marked change in the data and the attainment within the year group.

To highlight some of those remarkable year group wins to you more clearly - 548 Super Scholars were awarded across all subjects within the year group.

Furthermore, the overall cohort average Attitude to Learning within the year group is 1.5, with an even better 1.45 in the cohort's Quality of Homework.

The determination of our scholars this year has been nothing short of phenomenal and this is further evidenced in their number of scholar points. The year group have a total 36,498 scholar points, a whopping 4,305 more than last year!

House FIFA

In March we began the long process of House FIFA, only concluding in the last week! I am so grateful to the genius of a particular member of Eardley for encouraging me to run this competition, but also my technical assistant, Mr

Metcalfe, whom without, it would not have run quite so smoothly. In the final, we had some fantastic commentary from scholars on the microphone. The dedication from each tutor group was admirable. However, it was Abbey who reigned victory by the end.

Home and Away

Over the course of the last academic year we have been lucky to have had several trips at home and away.

In February we took a group of scholars to Harry Potter to promote our A Level in Film. This was a rewarding experience for our scholars and such a treat to see some sneak peeks behind the scenes!

It has been my privilege to go away to Naples and spend time with Year 9 scholars, who ironically, it felt like they looked after me more than I them!

It has been a joy to see the successes of trips on the slopes, in China, to local schools, museums and competing successfully in competitions or performing in Music.

These excursions are so important in shaping our scholars and I certainly hope to see more of these accompany their GCSE subjects next year.

End of KS3 Celebration

In June, we welcomed the Problem Solving Company to run a rotation of team building activities. In preparation for KS4, I gave the year group a ruddy good shuffle and put them with a range of people they may never have crossed eyes with. Despite those initial uncertainties, it was refreshing to see each group's confidence, communication and group work skills flourish throughout the day. Group 4 reigned victorious in the end and won a trophy to mark the occasion. It sits proudly on my desk!

Sports Day

This year we completed our penultimate Sports Day. Each year the year group have been encouraged to take part in a creative initiative. In Year 7, each tutor group made banners and in Year 8 each tutor group made bunting. This year, Year 9 made some fantastic wreaths in which Brampton reigned victorious.

Not only this, but for the first time, Ms Wakeling (AHOY), co-ordinated a Rap Competition alongside the Super Scholar Leaders. Well done to Wickham who won this House competition with their enthusiasm, confidence and volume!

Success beyond the classroom

It has been fantastic to learn of so many things that scholars are taking part in. To name but a few, this year we have had scholars who have competed in tennis tournaments, attending football and basketball clubs, competing in hockey, ballroom dancing and cricket. These extracurricular pursuits are more than hobbies for our scholars. For many, they are achieving local, county and national accolades. As well as this, there has been a rise of scholars engaging with the Super Curriculum, some even pushing themselves in accessing A Level content. It has been a privilege to learn of these successes and I hope to hear even more next year.

The snapshot



Reminders

September ready uniform

The standard of uniform has been a little sloppy as the year has progressed. Some reminders on the expectations of uniform in September:

- More than one or two plain white shirts
- The school blazer
- Plain dark grey or black trousers, "skinny fit" trousers or black jeans are not permitted.
- A school jumper is optional but it must be V-neck (as to show the school tie). Jumpers should be a dark navy with no branded label.
- A black leather belt with a sensible buckle.
- Black socks should be worn with the school uniform. White socks are for games and PE only.
- Shoes should be black leather with no suede. Shoes should be well polished. Black trainers are not permitted.
- A school coat should be black, navy or dark grey with no markings. No designer labels.
- Facial hair should be short and neatly trimmed. Shaved cuts in eyebrows is not acceptable.
- All students must have a sensible school bag suitable to carry all of their equipment and books for the day.
- The following are not permitted:
Durags, wave caps, bonnets zipped and hooded tops are not allowed anywhere on school site. Furthermore, students are not permitted to wear jewellery.
- Games top, in the correct House colour
- Navy Bets sports shorts
- Bets tracksuit bottoms

Beths Parents' Association

Our fantastic Parents' Association have a 'nearly new' uniform shop. They are selling second hand uniform at very reasonable prices. Please visit our school website to see further details.

Final reflections

Some farewells

As you will already know, we are sadly losing two members of a tutor team at the end of this academic year. I would like to thank Mr Webb and Mr Metcalfe for all their commitment and dedication, not only to their tutor group, but for all of the extra curricular opportunities they have provided to the year group.

Not only this, but the end of the academic year we are losing some scholars. Their role in our community has been fundamental and I wish them every luck in their future endeavours.

Goodbye KS3

It is hard for me to grasp the fact that our Year 9 scholars are now at the end of their KS3 journey. The young people who joined me in Year 7 have grown physically and mentally in ways that surprise me every day. Suddenly I find myself looking up at them when I speak to them! Words cannot express how proud I am of each and every scholar in the year group for their individual successes. The next couple of years are going to be an exciting, yet challenging journey, which I look forward to supporting the year group with. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Summer break and look forward to seeing you, and your scholars, next year.

Miss Stevens, Head of Year 9



Save the date

- 4/09/2025 at 6pm - **Presentation Awards Evening**
- 15/09/2025 at 6pm - **Year 10 Welcome to GCSEs Parent Information Evening**

This event will share with important information parents about the next two years as we approach public exams at GCSE. It is designed to support both students and parents in how best to navigate these important two years. Attendance from all Parents and Carers is expected and all students must attend with their parent. More details will follow in a letter from Mr McBeth in September.