



# Year 7 Newsletter



December 2025

## Highlights of the Term

### Foodbank donations

An impressive number of foodbank donations have been made by scholars over the last two weeks. Thank you to all parents and carers for your generosity. Donations across the school have exceeded expectations and the hampers are a sight to behold, including a present-filled fire place, a giant tin of reindeer soup and even Mr Bean's car! Results of the House competition will be shared in the new year.

### Attendance and punctuality

The attendance and punctuality of Year 7 scholars is outstanding. To date, the attendance of Year 7 is 97.5%, exceeding the average of the local authority. I am particularly pleased with members of Hurst, whose attendance is the highest within the year group at 98.9% and well done to the 77 students in the year group who have 100% attendance.

### Form of the term

Congratulations to Abbey who achieved the most scholar points this term. Brampton ran a close second, with Wickham in third, Cray in fourth, Eardley in fifth and Hurst in sixth. It's always a pleasure to monitor scholar points and see scholars taking up opportunities to excel inside and outside of the classroom. I look forward to our scholars' continued efforts and healthy competition.

### No behaviour points

As well as monitoring scholar points, my job as Head of Year is to monitor the number of behaviour points in the year group and I'm delighted to say 95 scholars in the year group have no behaviour points. That is outstanding behaviour for learning and I think it is important to celebrate not only those students who are getting scholar points but also those who are consistently doing what they are meant to do and ensuring they have all their equipment for lessons. Particular praise should go to Hurst where 68% of students have received no behaviour points.

### KS3 Carol Service

One of our highlights of the Autumn term is always the KS3 Carol Service at Christchurch. This year the church was a little emptier as only Y7 and Y8 were in attendance. Despite that, scholars were in fine voice, belting out carols and behaviour was exemplary. Special congratulations go to students who played music during the service and to those that read. It was, as ever, a fantastic event that really got us in the Christmas spirit.

*Wishing all scholars and their families the best for the holiday season.*



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## A final note from Mrs Quinn

Y7 Scholars have had a fantastic first term here at Beths and it has been a delight to get to know them.

We had an excellent set of reports, with 97% of scholars making expected progress or above across all subjects. Attitude to learning and completion of homework has also been outstanding. Thank you for your support in helping your scholars make the transition from primary to secondary so smoothly.

As well as academic achievements, it's also been wonderful to see the many activities Y7 scholars have involved themselves in. From sports teams and events, to clubs such as Rubik's Cube, Lego and STEM club, as well as taking part in Debate Club and learning and performing a speech from Shakespeare. I have been very impressed with the many opportunities scholars are taking up in the school.

Finally, I would like to wish all parents and carers a restful holiday. This can be such a busy time of year, please do take some time to relax if you can.

Thank you again for your continued support. I look forward to welcoming scholars back in January.

## Winter break competition

To celebrate all the wonderful things scholars will get up to this holiday, I am launching a photograph competition for the year group.

Scholars can send me pictures of anything they do across the festive period, whether it's travels here or abroad, cooking up something in the kitchen, building lego masterpieces or playing with their pets. I would love for everyone to have a go.

Entries will receive a L6 super curriculum scholar point and there will be prizes per form, as well as an overall winner.

Pictures should be sent to me privately on Teams - I look forward to seeing them!

## Key dates next term

5  
JAN

Staff INSET day

6  
JAN

All scholars return to school

13  
FEB

Last day of Spring term 1

