

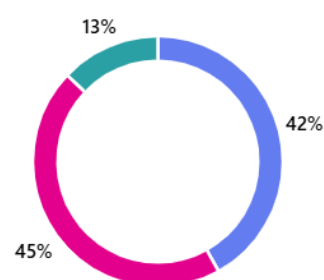
Dear Parent/ Carer

Thank you to everyone who completed the face-to-face parents' evening (64 responses) and Year 11 period 6 (31 responses) consultations. I had hoped to finish the analysis of the detailed written comments for these, and report back to parents, carers and staff today, but we've had such a busy week in school this week (as you'll hopefully see below), so I'm going to have to publish the full results in next week's newsletter. However, I'm happy to share the main outcomes below.

I can confirm that we will be moving forward with a trial of the face-to-face parents' evenings (50% in favour, 28% not in favour, 22% might be in favour), continuing with the four-minute meeting slots (53% chose four-minute slots, 22% chose five minute slots, 8% gave other suggestions).

As far as the Year 11 period 6 consultation is concerned, we will also be moving forward with this (84% in favour, 0% not in favour, 16% might be in favour), but, for the first year of implementation (at least) we will be operating a Voluntary/ Targeted (with school and home agreement) implementation model – this will allow for any exceptions as well. The breakdown of responses are provided below:

● Voluntary attendance by students	13
● Targeted attendance for identified students (agreed by school and home)	14
● Compulsory attendance for all (acknowledging that there will always be a few exceptions)	4
● No Year 11 period 6 interventions	0



Parent/ Carer annual survey

If you are listed as the priority #1 contact for your child in Bromcom, you should have received a unique link to the parent/ carer annual survey via TeacherTapp (schoolsveys.com). The questions in the survey are the same as last time, allowing us to compare year on year, and your responses will help us to develop our Academy Improvement Plan for the 2025/2026 academic year as well as highlight aspects that you feel we have got right this year.

The parents/ carers survey closes at 11.59pm on Thursday, 21st August 2025.

Hot weather update



With the hot weather set to continue next week we are going to continue giving students the option to wear their school PE kit instead of normal uniform for the final five days of the term. Please can we

ask that students do not come into school in other items of sports kit that are not part of the uniform as they may need to wait elsewhere until their school PE kit is brought in from home and corrected. Please can we also ask that those students opting to wear normal uniform also wear it correctly – and ties are still required if you choose this option.

We ask that parents/ carers ensure that their children have a bottle for water during this hot period which they can fill up during breaks and between lessons. We also advise the use of sunscreen as well.

Sixth form refurbishment update

The sixth form build is really starting to take shape this week, with the decorating quite far along and the new internal glass wall now in place between the common room and the foyer area.

With the project starting to enter its final phase, it was great to show Rowena Hackwood, our CEO, around on Wednesday afternoon. We were also extremely pleased to meet up with our local MP, Ben Obese-Jecty this morning, giving him a tour of the sixth form building works, and an update on the investment that the Trust are making in our sixth form and the projected increase in numbers for next year.





Cooking Guinness World Records™ attempt – success!

A huge congratulations needs to go to Mrs Evans and the food team who took part in the Guinness World Records™ title for the largest cookery lesson (in multiple venues). 10,515 cooks, across six continents and 42 countries helped smash the record!

At the heart of this record attempt was a simple belief: every child, everywhere, should leave school able to cook confidently and take care of themselves — no matter what life

throws at them. That's why **Jamie's 10 Skills Programme** exists, to give young people the essential skills in nutrition, knife safety, budgeting, and so much more.



Toll Games

This year marks the 600th anniversary of the St Ives bridge, and artists Sally Stenton and Caroline Wendling are organising a Toll Games Day on Sunday 20 July 2025 at the town bridge as part of the celebrations. In order to contribute to this historic milestone, and lend our support to this local event, Year 7 students took part in a board games afternoon on Wednesday this week. After an introduction to the theme and background behind the afternoon, and a practice of a mass-participation game in the hall (here's a copy of the assembly slides: <https://www.astreastivo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Y7-Boardgames-Assembly.pdf>) students were introduced to a few games during period 4 and had the opportunity to design their own board game period 5.

THE 600th ANNIVERSARY TOLL GAMES

Artists Caroline Wendling and Sally Stenton
invite you to come along on

to help us test out games
for the Toll Games Day on 20th July

Meet in the Bridge Chapel.

RSVP info@sallystenton.com

The events are part of the 600th Anniversary of the bridge

**GAMES THROUGH THE AGES
FOR ALL AGES!**





A list of the games played, and a few links to how to play them, can be found below:

- Draughts/ Checkers https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOW9k_C4vFU
- Chess <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Pqd7UFWr7M>
- Backgammon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXE5AwzNQ2s>
- Dobble https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3s_H3EfrPg
- Ghost Blitz <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLiyeNpOXKQ> (Only bit that is missing is if you choose the wrong piece, you have to give a card to every other player as a forfeit)
- Perudo/ Dudo/ Liar's Dice <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAbnMuiR734>
- Beetle Drive https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jxe_IV9VHw
- Chase the Ace <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=My-UdpiXZhE>

Interforms next week

Due to the forecast high temperatures, we have made some changes to the interform events for Years 7, 8 and 9 next week.

Year 7 – Monday 14 July 2025

- This will be a multi sports event (rounders, netball and badminton at school; football at the outdoor centre)
- Interform will run during periods 2,3 and 4
- Students will be in normal lessons periods 1 and 5
- We will ensure that all students have the opportunity to spend time inside and/ or in the shade
- Please can all students bring a water bottle (which they will have the opportunity to refill) plus sun cream and a sun hat
- Students doing football will walk to and from the outdoor centre with staff

Year 9 – Tuesday 15 July 2025

- This will be a multi sports event (rounders, netball and badminton at school; football at the outdoor centre)
- Interform will run during afternoon registration, periods 4 and 5
- Students will be in normal lessons periods 1 to 3
- Please can all students bring a water bottle (which they will have the opportunity to refill) plus sun cream and a sun hat
- Students doing football will walk to the outdoor centre with staff; they will be dismissed from there at 2.50pm, to allow them time to walk back to school if they get a school bus

Year 8 – Wednesday 16 July 2025

- This will be a multi sports event (rounders, netball and badminton at school; football at the outdoor centre)
- Interform will run during AM tutorial, period 1, 2 and 3
- Students will be in normal lessons for afternoon tutorial, periods 1 and 5
- We will ensure that all students have the opportunity to spend time inside and/ or in the shade
- Please can all students bring a water bottle (which they will have the opportunity to refill) plus sun cream and a sun hat
- Students doing football will walk to and from the outdoor centre with staff

Switzerland 2026 (current Year 7s)

Every year we run a trip to Switzerland for students in Year 8 to experience a variety of activities and excursions such as water sports, hiking, high ropes and a glacier visit. This is always an incredibly popular visit and creates memories to last. We are looking to launch the 2026 trip for current Year 7s in the next few weeks (probably during the first half of the summer break), so please do look out for details as spaces will be limited.

To find out more about the trip, families may wish to view photos and videos from the 2025 trip (just last week!)

at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1294675255994859&type=3>

Staffing updates for September 2025

As we approach the end of term, it's time to welcome new teachers for September, and say good bye to those staff who are leaving us. The following members of staff are leaving this term; we thank them for everything they have done to support the school and its students, and wish them all the best for their next adventure.

- Mr Henry-Cockles, Head of Geography
- Miss Brown, Head of Year 10
- Mrs Slatter, Teacher of Science
- Miss Spencer, Teacher of Food and D&T

- Mrs Lockley, Teacher of Maths
- Mrs Timmins, Teacher of Science
- Mrs Drummond, Teacher of Music
- Mrs Blackburn, Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Collison, Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Tidman, Cleaner (who's been with us for over twenty years!)

These are the names of the new staff who are joining us in September:

- Mr Durrant, Head of Geography
- Mr Bertalan, Teacher of Computing
- Miss Pascal, Teacher of Business and Mathematics
- Miss Dalliston, Teacher of English and Drama

You may be wondering why the number of teachers coming in doesn't equal the number going out. As I have reported before in the newsletter, the local demographic is changing and the number of students in, and coming from, local primary schools is decreasing. Whilst we are roughly inline with the local authority projections for our numbers, the school is going to be slightly smaller next year as a larger Year 11 cohort leave and a smaller Year 7 cohort enter – meaning that we will need fewer teachers to cover the delivery of the curriculum than we did this year. However, I want to categorically reassure parents and carers that the reduction of teacher numbers is not being replaced with supply staff – we start the 2025/2026 academic year fully staffed.

There will also be a few role changes for next September as well:

- Ms Panter, currently on a fixed-term secondment to the Ernulf Academy, will return as Head of English; I want to really thank Miss Campbell, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Burns for stepping up in the interim to support the leadership of English
- Mrs Robertson, assistant principal, will take over the Senco role from Mr West on a temporary basis with support from Mrs Kay who is stepping up to the SEN Manager role until we make permanent arrangements
- Mrs Nisbet will taking up the temporary role of Head of Key Stage 4 (combining the Head of Year 10 and 11 roles) until a replacement for Miss Brown can be appointed
- Mr Braybrook, head of sixth form, will join the senior leadership team as an assistant principal (responsible for sixth form), thus demonstrating our commitment to growing this amazing part of our school

Celebrating a brilliant week of Shaping Futures and work experience!

What an incredible week it's been! We've just wrapped up our Shaping Futures and work experience week, and we couldn't be prouder of our students, or more thankful to the many amazing partners who helped make this a truly inspiring success.

A huge thank you goes out to all the work experience providers (too many to mention) who welcomed our students into their workplaces. Your support has given them invaluable insights, confidence, and a real taste of life beyond the classroom. Here's just some of the feedback received so far...

- *"Approached all activities and experiences with positivity, enthusiasm, and commitment. Benefited from a range of experiences and showed a genuine desire to learn and understand workplace practices. Would be welcome back anytime"*

- *“Performed brilliantly in their work experience. Undertook all tasks with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn”*
- *“Demonstrated a good working attitude, understood and picked up tasks quickly, and was always available to help when needed”*
- *“Was a pleasure to have on the team and comes highly recommended”*

We also want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Shaping Futures companies who have been with us over the past six months, providing engaging projects, mentoring opportunities, and industry knowledge that has helped shape our learners' ambitions. Thank you to; Ingleton Wood, Strategic Spark, TinySoft, Westfield School, Form the Future, Mott MacDonald, MAM Solutions, Dark Cherry, Deloitte, EPM, Aviva, WINVIC and North Shoes to name a few.

In addition, we'd like to give an enormous shout-out to the fantastic organisations who came into school this week to deliver captivating, hands-on employability sessions. You inspired our students with your passion, insights, and energy! Thank you to; NHS, Insight and 20Twenty Productions.

It's been a week full of curiosity, creativity, ambition and aspiration; thank you for helping us create opportunities that open minds and doors.

The last week

Finally, just a reminder that next Friday, 18 July 2025, is the last day of this academic year and the school will close as normal at 3.00pm. Our final newsletter of the academic year will sent out on Thursday afternoon instead next week.

Wishing you a great, and probably very warm, weekend.

Yours faithfully

Tony Meneagh
Principal

Holiday voucher scheme

Please use the links below to access details:

[Parent Letter](#)

[FAQs for Parents – Summer Holiday Voucher Scheme](#)

Summer Music Showcase

Next week sees our Summer Music Showcase. Please feel free to come along on Tuesday 15 July 2025 at 6.00pm in L5.



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MUSIC SUMMER SHOWCASE



L5

TUESDAY
15TH JULY
6.00PM

TICKETS £3