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Headteacher: Mr Alexander Silk, MA , NPQH**24th October 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the close of the final week of term, I have a Friday update for you as always. This week, the letter is coming out after a great day of events some in school, and for many others, outside of school. Yesterday, we had the celebratory Black History Month Breakfast, the Bake Sale, and Non-uniform day where we have raised a total of **£499.92** for 'Show Racism the Red Card', the charity chosen by the student voice committee. More on this below. All the events from today will be in the next update after the break.

Childcare Surveys

Waltham Forest are conducting their 2025 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) and need residents' feedback to help understand local childcare needs. Whether your child uses childcare or not, your views are vital in shaping the future childcare provision services in the borough. Complete the school age children Childcare survey [here](#). Complete the Early Years survey [here](#).

Achievement Points

A big well done to all students topping the reward points charts for their respective year groups, for the week we have ended today, Thursday 23rd October 2025. Well done to Sofia A (8S) and Kerisse W (10C) who have achieved the highest number of APs in KS3 and KS4 this week.

A special congratulation to 8S, who have managed to overtake the reigning champs, 8C, with an impressive 1054 APs this half term. 8S achieved 180 APs just in the last week alone! Keep up the good work.

There is everything to play for next half term as we set the leaderboard back to zero.

Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance so far this term has dipped slightly 94.97%. While this remains a solid figure, we want to take this opportunity to stress just how vital good attendance is for student progress and wellbeing. We truly appreciate your continued support. By working together, we can move closer to our whole-school target of 96%. Every day in school really does make a difference.

Congratulations to 8F who had an impressive attendance of 98.89% attendance last week and to Year 10 whose average attendance for the half-term is 96.35%!

Next week's assemblies

The assemblies in the week beginning 3rd November will be focussed on anti-bullying week.

Useful information for parents about bullying can be found here:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9gqqfr>

Black History Month Celebration

This month has been a celebration of Black History Month through in school lessons and events. The BHM film showing this year was Akeelah and the Bee, a film that helped to challenge stereotypes about young black students and their ability to learn and achieve academic success.

The annual Black History Month breakfast and bake off was a rip-roaring success - the dining hall was crowded with students enjoying a healthy and hearty breakfast that included spiced buns, cheeses, fruits and meat and vegetable patties. The bake sale on the same day saw yet again a busy dining hall with some amazing cakes for sale that had been prepared and donated by students. The bake sale raised money for Show Racism the Red Card.

Lessons this academic year in CCPSHE have highlighted how significant social change has occurred through black and asian people's struggles. This has included learning about the works of CLR James and his book, The Black Jacobins, which explored the events of the slave uprisings in Haiti. Students have also learned about the devastating effects of the famous 'rivers of blood' speech from Enoch Powell and how it gave credence to far right extremists in the National Front in the 1960s and 1970s. It is important that students learn the lessons of the past and how hate speech can impact race relations.

What has been most impressive has been students' engagement and involvement in the events and planning of the events this year which have been student led. Well done to all who have been involved and participated!



History Residential Visit to Ypres for Key Stage 4

The History department has been in dialogue with providers regarding a potential educational visit to take place this academic year. This would not be mandatory for all History students, however it would provide a valuable insight into life on the Western Front during the First World War, which would benefit students in their Medicine Through Time unit.

The proposed visit is to the WW1 Battlefields around the Belgian town of Ypres, setting off on a coach in the morning on Thursday 22nd January, staying the night in local accommodation, then returning late in the evening of Friday 23rd January. The provisional itinerary currently includes visiting the following sites:

- In Flanders Fields Museum
- Tyne Cot British Cemetery
- Langemark German Cemetery
- Menin Gate
- Sanctuary Wood Museum
- Leonidas chocolate shop in Ypres



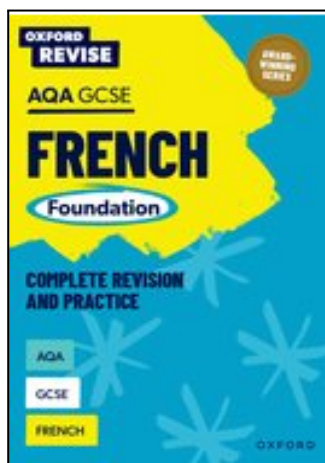
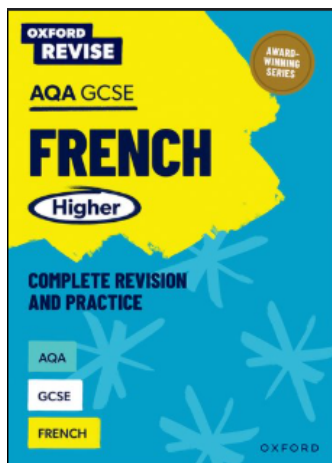
The cost of the entire visit would likely be around £198, although this may change depending on the number of students signing up. As the visit would be in January, we would need to confirm with the provider/ take the first installation of payment very soon (likely to be around £50), and then the rest of payment 6 weeks later.

In order to ascertain whether this educational visit can go ahead, we need to establish if there is enough strong interest. Please complete the following form indicating if this is something of interest to your child:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdx8ohBF4ZOuq8glesDP3bhl_u3LF0fmh3ge-NOhQzt9FlbZw/viewform?usp=dialog&urp=gmail_link

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Klemencic, Head of History.

French Revision Guides for Key Stage 4



We are excited to let you know that the French GCSE Revision Guide is now available for purchase on Arbor for all Key Stage 4 students. This guide will be an excellent resource to prepare students for their upcoming GCSE exams. The guide includes all four language skills - listening, reading, speaking and writing - and it is meant to help you secure a grade 5-9 in the final exams.

We have both the foundation and the higher guides available for purchase. All audio for listening practice can easily be accessed via the QR codes included in the guides. If you are not sure what tier to buy, ask your teacher to advise you on which one you need to get.

To purchase the guide, simply log in to Arbor, and you'll find it in the relevant section (School Shop) at a discounted price of £7.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Ferreira, Head of French.

Year 10 Take on Rollerskating!

Over the past few weeks, Year 10 students have been having a blast at the newly formed Rollerskating Club. What began as a fun idea during the Year 9 sleepover has rolled its way into becoming a popular activity this term!

With roller disco music setting the scene, students have been gliding (and sometimes wobbling) their way around the gym, learning new skills and supporting one another along the way. The atmosphere has been fantastic - full of laughter, encouragement, and teamwork.

It's been especially inspiring to see students teaching each other how to balance, skate, and try out new moves - even giving lessons to Ms Agilara and Ms Diamond, who have enthusiastically joined in the fun!

Many students who had never skated before have now purchased their own skates, showing incredible motivation and a growing passion for the sport. Each session has been filled with energy, enthusiasm, and plenty of memorable moments - a perfect mix of fun, fitness, and friendship.

Rollerskating Club has truly become a highlight of the week for Year 10, bringing everyone together in a joyful and supportive environment.



World Food Day Poster Competition

A reminder of the competition announced in assembly regarding creating a poster for World Food Day. The deadline for entries is Friday 7th November

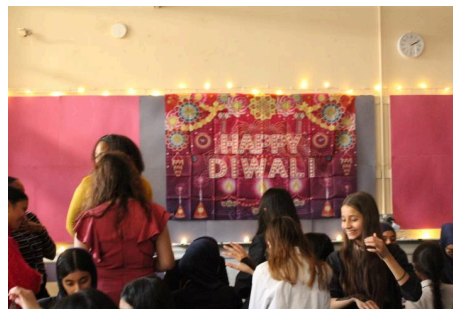
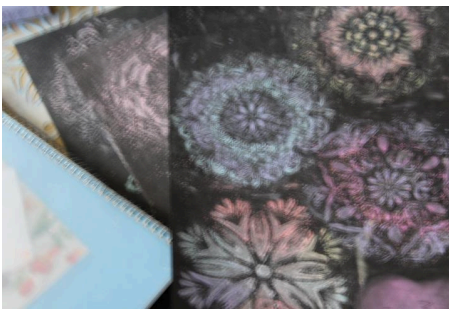


Happy Diwali!

On Monday, we celebrated Diwali in school.

Happy Diwali from the Religious Education department and our celebration event organisers: Manjima, Hafsa, Mahira, Hadeeqa and Tasnia.

We celebrated Diwali as a school on Wednesday by applying henna, listening to music, creating rangoli designs using chalk, eating food and spending time together!



Special mentions to the year 8 students who applied the henna freehand on the day - Sara, Zakeera and Shayma - and to Afraa for staying behind after school the day before to help set up the decorations. Thank you!



Extra-Curricular Provision

Please find the ECP schedule for the Autumn term. There are more and more clubs being added each week. The schedule so far is below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET	Library Club 7:50-8:20 Library ET
	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET	Breakfast Club 7:40-8:20 Dining hall DIA/PET
Lunch time	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office	Year 8-11 Ted Team SIL HT Office
	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio	Year 11 Drama Intervention MAL Drama Studio
	LEGO Club CJ/DF Room 20	Homework Club NA Room 20	Homework Club DL Room 20	Homework Club RIC Room 20	Year 11 Biology and Chemistry Intervention AMR Mobile
	Key Stage 4 Art and Photography Club ELB Room 9	Key Stage 3 Reading Club RAH Room 36	Key Stage 4 Art Club HCO Room 17	Key Stage 3 Computing and Coding Club ALK Room 33	11x/Ma6 Maths Intervention RGN Room 3
	Year 11 General Revision PET Room 10	Year 7 Cooking Club WAL Room H1	Board Games Club ELK Room 42	11x/Ma3 Maths Intervention PET Room 10	Rollerskating Club DIA/GAG Gym
		Year 11 Geography Intervention DES Room 7	Year 11 Sociology Intervention KAD Room 5	Badminton Club GAG Gym Week B	Crochet Club HUS
		Key Stage 4 English 19th Century Fiction Club CAR Room 34	Textiles Club RAN Room H2	Year 9 Poetry Club BUR Room 35	Year 8 Connections Club ALI Room 38
		Year 11 History Intervention KLE Room 6	Green Ambassadors DES Room 7 Week A Only	Year 11 French Intervention FER Room 41	
		Year 8 Attend Club ALI Room 38	Duke Of Edinburgh Support DES Room 7 Week B Only		

			History Film Club KLE Room 6		
			11x/Ma2 Maths Intervention ADO Room 4 Week B Only		
			Year 11 Spanish Intervention Room 40 MAV		
			Dodgeball Club GAG Gym Week B		
			Year 7-10 Let's Celebrate KHL Room 39		
			Year 9 Teen Tech Awards KHN Library		
After school	11x/Ma4 Maths Intervention AUL Room 1	Year 10 Maths Action Tutoring ADO Room 4	11x/Ma5 Maths Tuition LAB Library	Year 11 Textiles coursework Club RAN Room H2	Year 11 Physics and Chemistry Intervention MUJ Lab 3
	11x/Ma5 Maths Tuition LAB Library	Year 9 and 10 Debate Club KHN Library	Year 10 English Action Tutoring CAR Room 4		11x/Sc3 Science Intervention Lab 4 IQB Week B
	Key Stage 4 Art and Photography Club ELB Room 9	Leyton Orient Football Club GAG Gym			

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. Have a great half-term break. We will see everyone back on Monday, 3rd November,



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