



### Message from Associate Assistant Headteacher

From Mr. Appleman...

This time of year is one of numbers:

- The number of days till the end of term – too many!!
- The number of days until Christmas.
- The number of days left in 2024.

However, there is still much happening in school over the next nine days: trips, visits, workshops and lessons continue as normal. There are mock exams for Year 13 students and other assessments for many of you. These will be enhanced by our Celebration Assemblies, Christmas Lunch and much, much more.

To that end, we hope that you will play your part. In doing so, you can ensure that you not only count the days, but also make the days count!

### This Week

Key Dates:

**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES- ALL WEEK**

**Year 13 Practice Exams- ALL WEEK**

Wednesday: Y9 Music workshop

Governor's Day

Christmas Dinner

Thursday: PSHCEe p.3

10 & 11 Flu Vaccinations

Friday: Yr 12 Trip to Brunel University

### Computer Science in Action Event

Last week, our A-level Computer Science students had the privilege of attending the **Computer Science in Action** event—a dynamic day filled with captivating talks, interactive sessions, and motivational stories from leading figures in technology. The students delved into cutting-edge topics such as artificial intelligence, software design, and the evolution of computing, gaining valuable insights into the exciting possibilities the tech industry holds for the future.

In addition to exploring these themes, they participated in a practical session offering exam success strategies and engaged with speakers through live polls and Q&A sessions. The event left attendees inspired and eager to pursue their ambitions in the ever-changing world of technology.

One of the most impactful moments came from Amber Shand's remarkable talk about her unconventional journey into software development. Despite failing Computer Science at A-level and not pursuing it at university, Amber showcased extraordinary resilience, ultimately building a successful career as an award-winning software engineer. Her story of determination and self-belief resonated deeply with everyone, proving that challenges can be stepping stones to success.

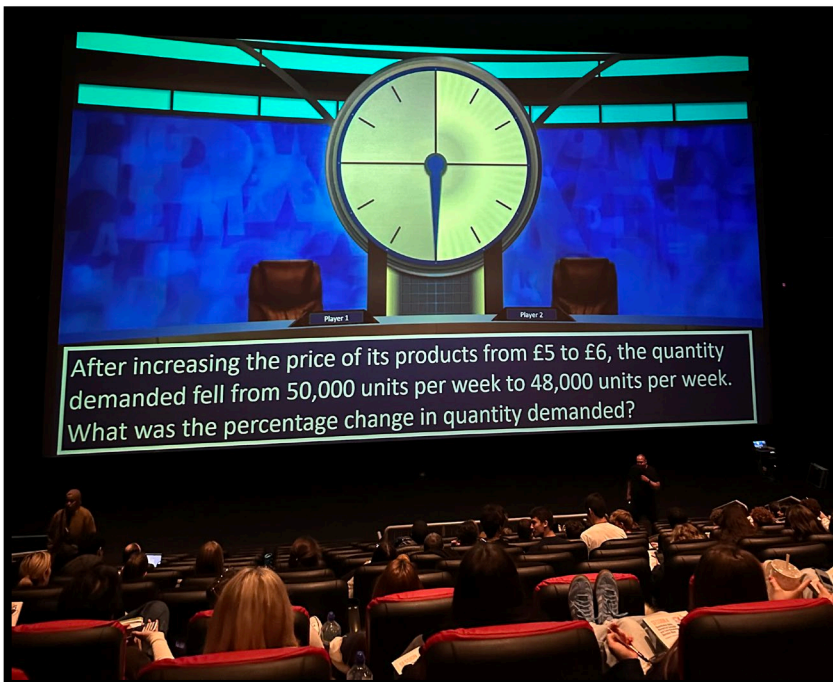
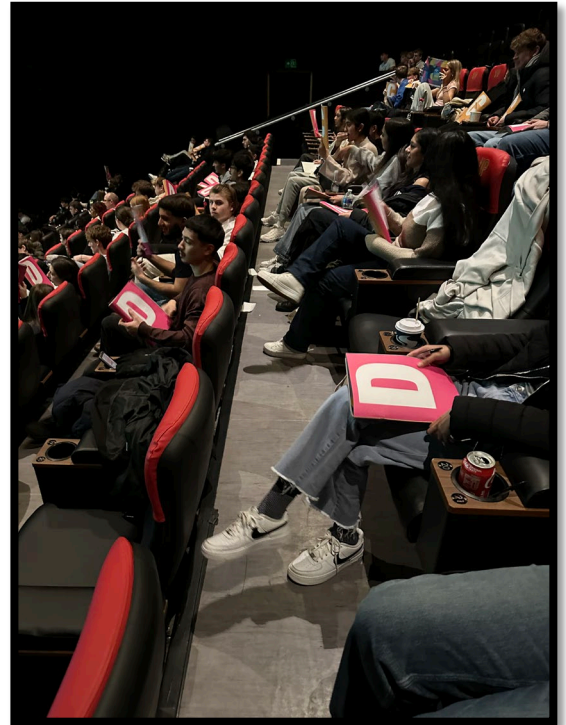
### Reminder- Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 11 December 2024.

Christmas Dinner will be served in the canteen on Wednesday. All other food options will only be available from the Grab & Go.



## A Level Business Studies Workshop

On the 27<sup>th</sup> November, an exam workshop for Business Studies A Level students was held, aimed at helping refine their exam techniques and deepen their understanding of key topics. Delivered by a team of subject experts, the workshop provided a day of valuable insights into both content and strategies needed for success in upcoming exams. The sessions focused on key skills such as writing contextualised answers, developing strong lines of analysis, making well supported judgements, and boosting confidence in quantitative skills. Students left the workshop feeling prepared and confident for their exams.



Compassion is a traditional value of Christmas, along with generosity, gratitude, family, peace, and joy. Here are some ways to show compassion at Christmas:

- Make a hot drink for your parent/carer
- Contribute to a food bank at your local supermarket
- Send Christmas cards to a nursing home
- Help with carrying groceries
- Donate to a hygiene bank
- Cook an extra dinner for someone who would otherwise be spending Christmas alone.
- Make a home-made gift for someone you care about.

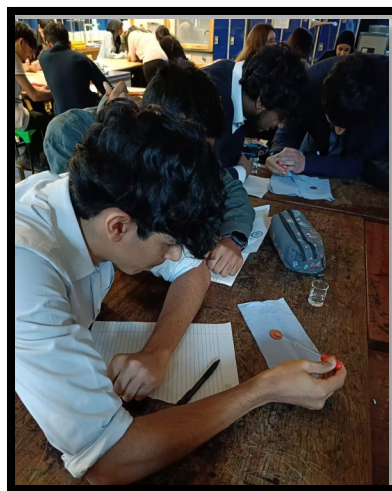
## Compassion at Christmas



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## Year 11 News

What an inspiring and motivating week for Year 11! It was fantastic to see you all pushing yourself out of your comfort zones and immersing yourself in new subjects and courses for 'Day in The Life'. We saw some of you experiencing a dramatic and interactive session with Mrs. Molloy in drama, whilst others were taking part in science practical's and learning about Politics and Psychology for the first time. Over at Harrow Weald College campus we had a fantastic range of workshops taking place including Electrical Installation, Art and Design, Architecture and Childcare. The feedback was outstanding mentioning some of you were already working at a professional level! It was great to see you participating in the practical work and experience what it would be like to attend college. This has hopefully reignited the motivation we spoke about finding in assembly last week in order to achieve your end goal that we set back in September. Great work Year 11! This week we are celebrating your attainment and progress in subjects in our highly anticipated Celebration Assembly. I am excited to see who has been nominated and of course, our award winners!



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## Free things to do for students and their families:

### Britten's Ceremony of Carols- St Paul's Cathedral

An opportunity to experience the Ceremony of Carols in this free, unticketed event at St. Paul's Cathedral. Benjamin Britten composed the Ceremony of Carols in 1942 when he was on a sea voyage from the USA to England. It is one of his best-known works. This is an inspiring work performed by the St Paul's Cathedral Choristers alongside readings for Advent and music from the St Paul's Cathedral Vicars Choral.

**Saturday 14 December 2024, 5-6pm FREE**



## Job of the week



This week's job of the week video focuses on the job role of a Librarian. A librarian runs a public or private library, this includes being responsible for all books, media resources and IT equipment. **Explore more using Unifrog Click on the link below to discover the day-to-day tasks, skills required and routes into the profession. (Labour Market Information)**

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/keywords/librarian>

### CAREER EVENTS

Year 11 Day in the Life of' Event

6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

National Apprenticeship Week

10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

National Careers Week

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Year 12 Mock Interview Event

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Pathways to future success – Post 16 Options

[https://unlocked.springpod.com/#\\_gl=1\\*kvnjx7\\*\\_gcl\\_au\\*MTc5MjU3NTcyNS4xNzMyODAwOTk2](https://unlocked.springpod.com/#_gl=1*kvnjx7*_gcl_au*MTc5MjU3NTcyNS4xNzMyODAwOTk2)

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# Last Week's Round Up

## Best Attendance



## Most Achievement Points



## Best Punctuality

**8NG/9GS**

## ACE Lottery Winners

1. Anay Patel 7JR
2. Maria Nikaj 8DB

## Year 7

Almost at the end of your first term in school—what a journey it's been! With just 9 days left, take the opportunity to be your best self. By now, you know what is expected of you.

Quiz night is here, and it's time to bring your A-game! Get ready to battle it out for your tutor group's glory. The common room is the place to be, so gear up for an evening packed with fun, laughter, and a touch of friendly rivalry. Who will take the crown? Let's find out!

Commiserations to our boys' football team, who narrowly lost in the semifinal on penalties. Despite the result, I want to give a big congratulations to the team. These moments provide an opportunity to show resilience. I am confident there will be future chances for all of you to overcome any setbacks you face.

## Year 8

The Year 8 Parents' Evening celebrated your progress and achievements while highlighting everyone's potential for further growth. Teachers were able to give feedback, focusing on strengths, areas for improvement, and next steps to help you all thrive. The evening provided an opportunity to reflect on your individual successes and discuss strategies for tackling challenges and unlocking your full potential.

Now you all need to do the below:

***Parent's evening → Reflect → Plan → Act → Achieve***



'You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great'

## Year 9

It has almost been a month since you set your review day targets- what progress have you made towards meeting them? Now is the time to reflect on your targets and make plans for how you can achieve them. If you are well on your way to reaching your targets, consider how you can continue to develop yourself so you can set yourself up for success.



Congratulations to our silver badge winners, Year 9 now have 12! We are so proud of you! Congratulations **Dharmil Patel 9SC, Alek Liu 9SC, Sasha Olari 9SC, Kaiya Patel 9WN, Yousuf Ashgar 9WN, Vihan Soneji 9WN, Yousra Salehih 9WN, Shanuja Sasikumar 9WN, Dhrish Vekaria 9HC**. We look forward to continuing to celebrate your achievements in our celebration assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

Tutor group highlights:

Best Punctuality: **9BA**  
Most Character points: **9AM**  
Least B-logs: **9HW/9RA/9BA**

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## Year 10

A huge congratulations to our basketball team. They showed fantastic resilience in coming from behind to win the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 41-38 against Canons Park. We are proud of you all for your team spirit.

The inter-form volleyball competition ended in an exciting final between 10LP and 10SW. A big well done to 10LP who won 16-12. It was great seeing you work together so well as teams.

For those who have not yet done so, you need to update your Unifrog with your work experience placement information. Finally, as discussed in assembly this week, I will be looking for you to be active explorers in your lessons, demonstrating engagement through answering questions and challenge tasks.

## Year 11 News is in the main body of the bulletin this week

## Sixth Form



Our "Christmas Games night" was a great success with around 60 of our year 12 and year 13 students taking part. Games included Uno, Mafia, and FIFA on the PS5.

Thank you to those who came along and raised money which will go towards the respective proms!

It was a great chance for our year 13s to have some final bit of downtime – a chance to destress, have fun, and relax before the mocks kick off on Monday.

Biology, Computer Science and English up first for the mocks on Monday morning, followed by Economics in the afternoon.

Good luck Year 13!

## Monday

Activity	Time	Location
Basketball*	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Y7 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Y7-9 Dance club	Lunchtime	Dance Studio
Y7-9 Global Citizen club	Lunchtime	G2
Choir*	Lunchtime	P1
BAFTA Game Designer	Lunchtime	T3
Y10-11 Basketball Coaching	After school	Sports Hall

## Tuesday

Activity	Time	Location
Badminton Coaching**	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Y7-9 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Debate Club*	Lunchtime	R3
Y7-10 Environmental Awareness	Lunchtime	S2
Y7-11 The Literary Lounge	Lunchtime	B4
Keyboard club*	Lunchtime	P1
Badminton*	After school	Sports Hall
Inspire Programme**	After school	Sixth Form
DofE**	After school	G2

## Wednesday

Activity	Time	Location
Volleyball Coaching**	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Y10-11 Girls Netball	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Y7-8 Board games cafe	Lunchtime	G2
Careers club*	Lunchtime	T2
Y7-10 Robotics club	Lunchtime	T12
Y7-8 Computing club	Lunchtime	T3
Band*	Lunchtime	P1
Y7 Home learning club	After school	T2
Y8 Home learning club	After school	T1
Y9 Home learning club	After school	T4
Y10 Home learning club	After school	T3
Y7-9 Basketball Coaching*	After school 3.30-5.30pm	Sports Hall
Grease**	After school	D1

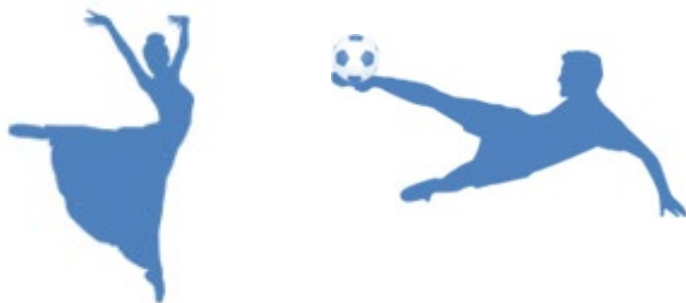
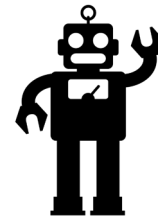
# Autumn Term 2 Clubs

## Thursday

Activity	Time	Location
Basketball*	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Sports Hall
Xianxia club*	Lunchtime	R3
Y7-9 Spoken Word Power	Lunchtime	P2
Y7-9 Product Design	Lunchtime	T11
Y7-9 Science Club	Lunchtime	S4
Girls Netball	After school	Playground
Y7 Table Tennis	After school	Main Hall
Grease**	After school	D1

## Friday

Activity	Time	Location
Badminton Squad**	Before school	Sports Hall
Basketball*	Breaktime	Sports Hall
Girls Volleyball	Lunchtime 1-1.25pm	Sports Hall
MFL Library*	Lunchtime	L3
Y7-8 Girls Science club	Lunchtime	S4
Volleyball*	After school	Sports Hall
Table Tennis*	After school	Main Hall
Table Tennis Coaching**	After school 4.30-5.30pm	Main Hall



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