



## Message from the Head of School



**Mrs K Gardner**  
Head of School

I want to extend my thanks to all the parents and carers of our Year 8 students who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was a pleasure to see so many of you listening to updates on your child's progress, achievements, and goals for the year ahead. Your engagement and support are crucial in helping our students thrive both academically and personally.

During the evening, practical ways you can support your child at home were shared. One of the most impactful ways is by encouraging regular reading. Reading is a vital skill that not only improves literacy but also unlocks access to every subject across our curriculum. Whether it's exploring literature, understanding scientific concepts, or analysing historical texts, reading empowers students to engage confidently with their learning.

We encourage you to foster a reading habit by discussing what your child is reading, setting aside time for reading at home, or exploring books together as a family. If you would like recommendations or further advice on supporting your child's reading journey, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

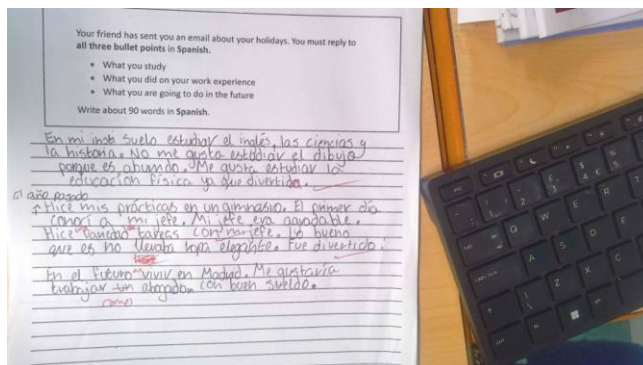
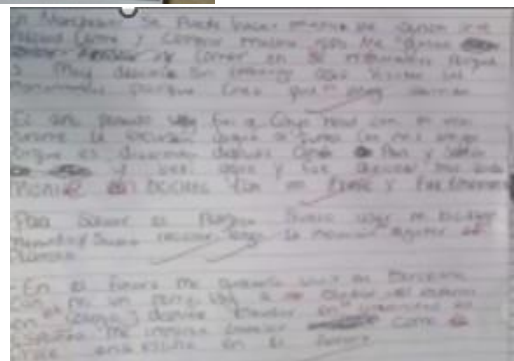
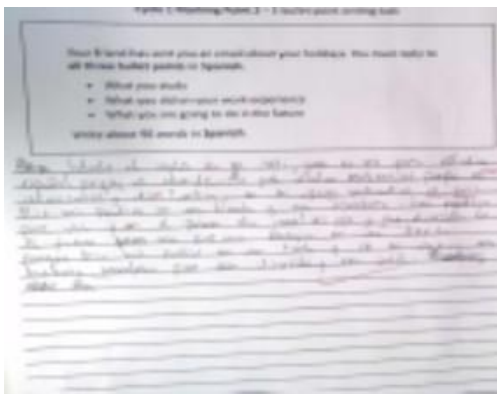
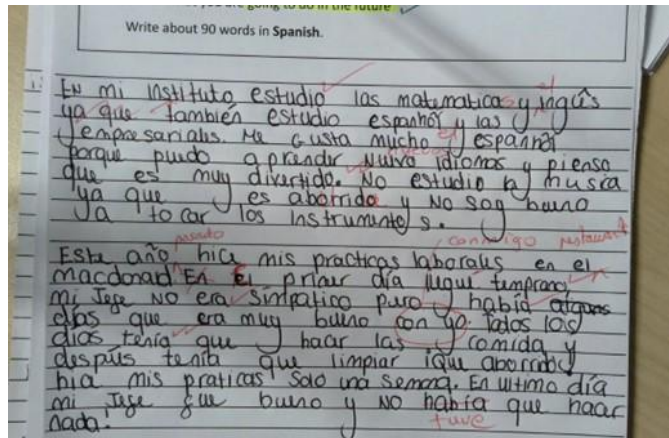
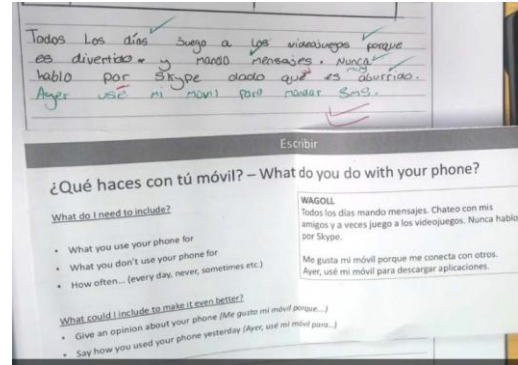
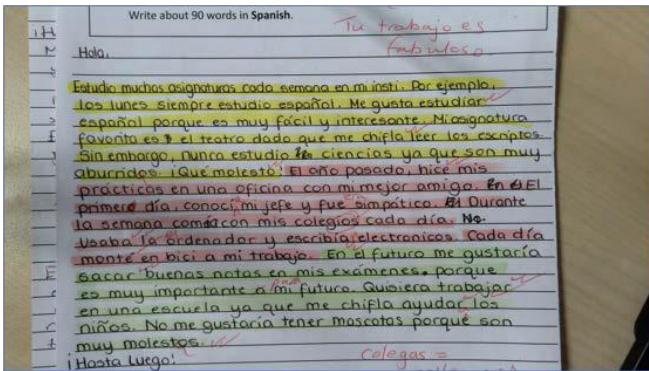


A big congratulations to all our Year 11 students who have dedicated this week to sitting their mock exams. Well done for your hard work and commitment!

# Celebrating our Curriculum

## Spanish

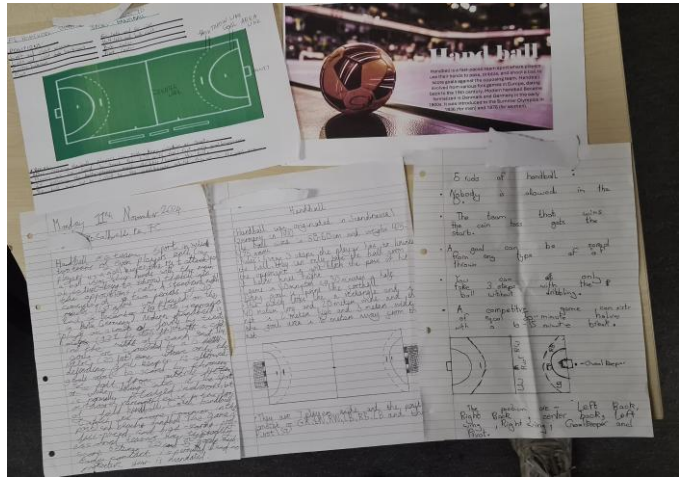
The Spanish department are very proud to showcase some fantastic written work from our students. All students have gone above and beyond in creating detailed, accurate pieces of work. Well done!



Well done to: Lacie LE, Brodie B, Kia C, Mia C, Kian C, Eleanor P,

## PE

This half term, some of our students have been exploring the sport of handball as part of their PE lessons. As part of their learning, they were tasked with researching the history, rules, and positions in handball to gain a deeper understanding of the game. The students did a fantastic job, and we were impressed with the quality of their work. Some exceptional pieces were submitted, with a few stand-out examples highlighted in the picture. Well done to everyone who took part!



## Attendance

690 students with 100% attendance this week who will receive the well-done text.

Top Advisory Groups this week are -

- 7Z - 94%
- 8b - 94%
- 9Z and 9C - 92%
- 10A - 92%
- 11Y - 89%



# Attendance Matters



## Student Absence: Reminder

School attendance is the most crucial prerequisite for quality education; students cannot learn if they are not in school. We know that attendance to school is linked to high quality GCSE results which our students require to achieve their maximum potential.

The following are not reasons to be absent:

- common cold
- headache
- feeling sick
- stomach pains or general pains
- Cough
- asthma
- hayfever

Students with any of these symptoms should be well enough to be in lesson. Parents/carers are advised to give their child paracetamol or equivalent in the morning for headache/stomach pains before sending them to school. If your child requires medication during the school day, this can be brought into school for attention of our school nurse, Samantha Divers. The school nurse will oversee students taking their medication.

Students should not be leaving school during the day because of their period. We can discreetly support students experiencing any issues.

## Events and visitors this week

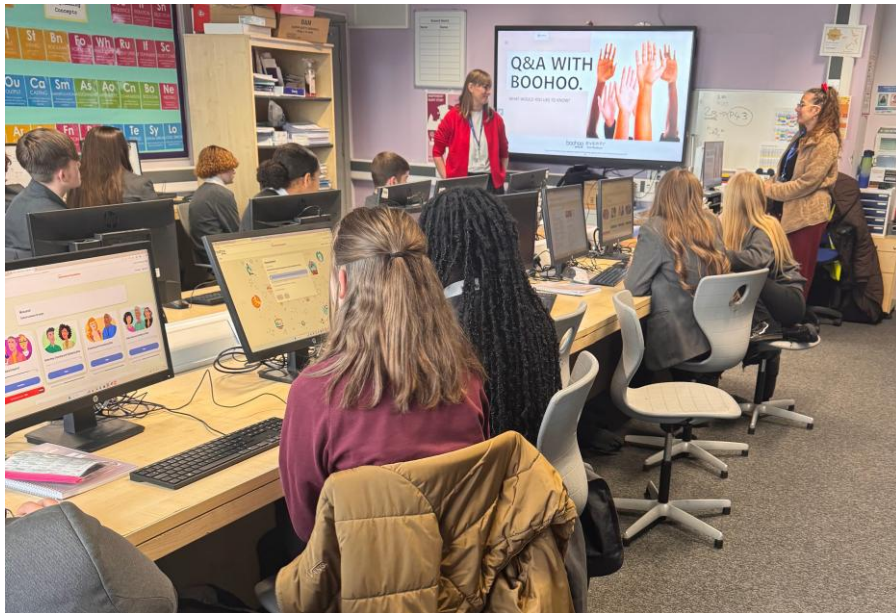
On Tuesday, 60 Year 9 students participated in an insightful Careers and Skills Workshop, hosted by Everfi in collaboration with Boohoo. The session provided students with valuable information about the eight key skill sectors that employers look for when hiring, and how Boohoo uses its diverse departments to promote inclusivity and positivity within the brand.

The students also had the exciting opportunity to engage in a Q&A session with Boohoo representatives.

One standout question from our students was, "Who is the most famous influencer you have ever collaborated with?" The answer: "Kourtney Kardashian!"

Our students were praised for their impeccable behavior, demonstrating kindness and respect throughout the event. The Boohoo team provided positive feedback, commenting that the students were "very polite and engaging" and noted that they "see great potential in our students to secure careers thanks to the skills they are developing at school." As a special treat, Boohoo also handed out some exclusive branded merchandise to the students!

It was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 9 students to learn about the professional world and gain inspiration for their future careers.



We were delighted to welcome representatives from the Army, who joined us to answer students' questions about college applications and the exciting career opportunities available within the Army. The session was incredibly well attended, with a fantastic turnout from students eager to learn more about the various pathways in military service and how they can pursue a career in the Army. It was an engaging and informative event that provided valuable insights into the diverse roles and opportunities the Army has to offer. We're grateful to the Army team for taking the time to visit and inspire our students as they consider their future career options.



## Year 8 - Parents Evening

This Thursday, we were thrilled to host Year 8 Parents' Evening, providing a wonderful opportunity to connect with our students' families. It was a fantastic occasion where we had the pleasure of meeting many parents and discussing their child's progress, achievements, and goals for the year ahead. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive, with parents expressing their appreciation for the school's support and the efforts being made to ensure their children thrive both academically and personally. The evening provided valuable insights, strengthened the partnership between home and school, and reinforced our shared commitment to each student's success. We look forward to continuing these conversations and working together with families to support our Year 8 students in their learning journey.



Mark your calendars! Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, 12th December at 7:00pm. It promises to be a festive and exciting evening, showcasing the incredible talent of our students. More details will be shared in next week's newsletter. We look forward to celebrating the season with you.

### Brooklands Library

We are lucky enough to have Brooklands Public Library on our doorstep, so here is an overview of some of the amazing events and activities they have on offer:

#### Weekly:

**Drop-In for Basic ICT Support:** Wednesdays, 2.00-4.00pm

**Lego Club:** Saturdays, 10.00am - 12.30pm

**Tiny Tots and Toddler Time:** On Mondays during term time only, 11.00am - 12.00pm, for families with a child under 5. Join in for stories, songs, rhymes and crafts.

#### Opening Hours

<b>Monday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 8.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Closed</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>	



# MENU

Week Commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

<b>Monday</b>	Tandoori, BBQ or tikka spicy chicken wings with seasoning noodles	Roast vegetable with seasoning noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Tuesday</b>	Roast chicken kebab on crusty flat bread with a fresh salad	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Wednesday</b>	Beef chilli with rice and garlic bread	Creamy vegetable pies	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Thursday</b>	Beef or chicken enchiladas with cheesy tomato sauce and side salad	Vegetable enchiladas with side salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Friday</b>	Chicken burger with salad and homemade wedges	Cheese and tomato French bread with salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans

Every day the salad bar plus a variety of sandwiches and baguettes are available, as well as a choice of cold or hot desserts.

*We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergen. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment where some of our ingredients from suppliers or products may have been produced in an environment with other allergens.*

*Please double-check with a member of staff.*