



## Message from the Head of School

What an incredible World Book Day we had this year! We are thrilled to share just how enthusiastically all our students participated in the reading activities throughout the day. It was fantastic to see so many of our students immersed in stories, sharing their favourite books, and engaging in thoughtful discussions about literature.



Mrs K Gardener  
Head Of School

World Book Day is not just a celebration of reading; it's an opportunity to highlight the importance of literacy and its impact on our lives.

Reading opens up new worlds, stimulates our imagination, and enhances our understanding of different perspectives. It is a vital skill not just for academic success, but for personal growth and development as well. The events during World Book Day not only made reading a fun and social experience but also raised awareness of the importance of incorporating reading into our daily lives. Our various activities - from reading challenges to storytelling sessions - helped to foster a love for books and encouraged students to explore new genres and authors.

At our academy, we are committed to promoting a culture of reading across the curriculum. We recognise that strong reading skills are fundamental to success in all subjects. By nurturing these skills, we equip our students to thrive academically and in their future lives. It is our goal to continue to inspire a passion for reading beyond World Book Day. We encourage parents and carers to support their children in discovering new books, visiting libraries, and engaging in conversations about the stories they explore.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making World Book Day such a remarkable event! Let's keep the enthusiasm for reading alive throughout the year.

### Dates for your diary:

- Year 10 Parents Evening will be taking place on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. Login details will be sent out over the next few weeks.



# Celebrating our Curriculum



## Science:

Some year 7 students have completed a flower dissection this week to investigate the reproductive parts of flowers. They were able to identify the style, anther, and stigma found inside the flower, and were able to extract some pollen from the anther.

Questions to ask your child about plant reproduction (**and answers in bold**):

1. Why are petals often brightly coloured? **(To attract animals such as bees)**
2. What part of the flower contains the pollen cells? **(The anther)**
3. What part of the flower does the pollen cell land on during pollination? **(The stigma)**
4. What part of the flower contains the ovule? **(The ovary)**

## World Book day:

Students had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. One of the highlights was guessing which teachers were dressed as popular book figures, adding a fun and interactive element to the day. Throughout the day, students participated in a range of exciting activities. A big congratulations to all the students who completed the quiz! It was a memorable day filled with creativity, learning, and a love for reading! Can you guess the characters?



# Attendance

A total of 721 students from Years 7 to 11 achieved 100% attendance, demonstrating a strong commitment to their education. This accomplishment highlights the dedication of these students to maintaining perfect attendance throughout the school year.

## Top Advisory Groups:

7C	8W	9C & 9X	10C	11
97%	93%	93%	98%	96%



## 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.



# Celebrating Student Achievements

## Sparx Maths:

Well done to Year 11 for completing the most homework this week!

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Jack D	Emily H	Callum M	Isabel J	Ameen A
2nd Place	Lucas A	Kaiden C	Atistis V	Angel G-G	Megan H
3rd Place	Jack McG	Leon W	Holly C	Ivan R	Bethany B

## Extra curricular:

Year 9 travelled to St Peters in the Manchester Schools semifinal on Friday in attempt to reach the final against Wright Robinson. The team performance was outstanding with standing attack after attack from St Peters (who play in the league above) working together to stop any shots on goal. DBK twice counter attacked St Peters and scored from both attempts on target, with goals from Reuben T and Aistis V giving DBK 2-0 lead at half time. DBK continued to withstand the pressure of St Peters, but 3 goals in quick succession put us on the back foot. St Peters scored late on to add a fourth and with time running out Aistis V gave some hope scoring directly from a corner. It wasn't meant to be though and St Peters held on for a 4-3 win. We are immensely proud of the teams' efforts, and we look forward to going one step further next year.

Year 9 went to The Barlow High school on Tuesday looking to maintain their unbeaten record in the league and another step towards winning the league. On a small pitch it was a struggle to play our passing game, but with the creativity in midfield and strong forward play we got behind the defence with two goals from Emmanuel E and one from Reuben T put us in a strong position going into the second half. The second half was a dominant performance with constant pressure on the ball and shots at goal, which eventually led to our fourth goal with a shot from Charlie D which deflected off Ethan M and into the back of the net.

The Year 9 team next go to St Bedes for a top of the table clash and then host The East Manchester Academy for another top of the table clash, which is exciting for everyone at the school. Good luck to the team.



# MENU

**Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

<b>Monday</b>	Sausage and mash with Yorkshire pudding and garden peas	Giant samosa with spicy noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken and chorizo pasta bake with	Cheese and tomato turnovers with side salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chicken tikka masala with rice and naan bread	Giant spring rolls with egg noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Thursday</b>	Meat feast cheesy pesto pasta with side salad	Roast vegetable pasta <u>bake</u>	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Friday</b>	Chicken burgers with side salad	Tomato and basil sauce with pasta and cheese	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.

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