

## Welcome to the School Bulletin

### Happy Hello Yellow Day!

Today we are celebrating World Mental Health Day, and it has been wonderful to see our students brightening the school with yellow accessories in support of mental health awareness.

Across our school community, we are encouraging open, honest conversations about wellbeing. Mental health matters every day and small, thoughtful actions like checking in with a friend, listening without judgment, and building calm routines can make a real difference.

During Crew Time, students have been taking part in activities that promote self-care, resilience, and emotional wellbeing. We also invite families to explore trusted resources such as [Young Minds](#) and [Every Mind Matters](#) to support mental health at home.

Our Time to Talk team was also based in the library during lunchtime today, offering a safe and welcoming space for any student who wanted to drop in for a chat, advice, or support. Let's keep the conversation going today and every day 🧡



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### How is your child assessed in Years 7-9?

In each subject, your child's teacher regularly assesses whether your child is:

- **Working Towards (WT):** This indicates that your child is still in the process of developing the skills and knowledge expected for their year group. We will continue to provide additional support to help them progress.
- **Meeting the Expected Standard (ES):** This indicates that your child is working at the expected level for their year group. They are demonstrating the skills and knowledge appropriate for their stage of learning.
- **Achieving Greater Depth (GD):** This shows that your child is not only meeting but is exceeding the expectations for their year group. These students are consistently challenged and are able to apply their learning in more complex and sophisticated ways.

You will be sent this information termly and will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress further at Family Evenings.

### Celebrating Success

We are incredibly proud of our Gardening and Eco Clubs and grateful to Mr Hopley for his inspiring leadership. The team scooped multiple top awards, including **Gold** and **Best School Project**—a fantastic achievement against tough competition. Special congratulations go to **Connor Robbins**, who not only won Gold but was named **Young Gardener of the Year!** To top it off, **Mr Hopley** received the prestigious **Chair Award** for his outstanding work in engaging young people with environmental projects. **Well done to everyone involved!**



### Shore House Competitions

Our Year 10 Student Leaders have started their weekly House competitions with Year 7 in The Shore. They created a 'Crew Challenge' with a series of riddles for each Crew to answer at speed. Well done to 7H LA who were the winners.

They have also held a 'design a logo' competition for a student leadership logo, with Emma in Mallory winning.



## FOCUS

### Year 8 Art Homework

**Cerys Nunns** has produced a fantastic piece of homework to go along with the theme, Under the Sea, which students are exploring in Year 8.

Well done Cerys 😊



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

Last day of half-term - Friday 17th October  
Return to school for all year groups – Tuesday 4th November  
Years 12 and 13 Family Evening – Thursday 6th November

Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



## NEWS

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