

Dear Families,

Last week was a proud and reflective time for our school community as we came together to mark Remembrance Day in meaningful ways. Our students explored the importance of remembrance through a powerful assembly led by **Mr Lyra**, which encouraged everyone to consider the significance of this day and the sacrifices made by so many. Year 7 learned about the origins and symbolism of the poppy. They created beautiful wreaths and held their own ceremony of remembrance, showing great respect and understanding.

On Sunday, I was honoured to accompany our incredible Head Students as they represented the school at the Oswestry Remembrance Parade where they laid one of the wreaths made by Year 7 students.

Year 11 students have made a stella start to their mock exams. Mock exams are a vital part of Year 11 preparation, giving students the chance to experience real exam conditions, identify gaps in their knowledge, and learn how to refine their revision strategies for success in the summer. Well done Year 11.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

GCSE Art Trip – Oswestry

70 of our GCSE Art students explored Oswestry as part of their Colour project. At the start of the day, we said they would see the town in a new light — and they did! Students commented on how beautiful the town is and were full of enthusiasm, capturing textures, colours, and inspiration to develop in their coursework. 🌈🌟



What a great picture this is!



The students conducted themselves brilliantly in the town. A credit to our community.

FOMO Friday Raffle Summer 2025

We ran our first ever 'FOMO Friday' raffle. Students were awarded raffle tickets for getting a lesson grade 1 or being spotted doing something great. They then had a choice to cash in their ticket for a small treat or to enter it into one of our raffle prizes. Student voice feedback went towards our prizes on offer. Our students loved this and are already looking forward to our next one towards Christmas. **If you are a local business and would like to support our FOMO Fridays, please get in touch.**



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Attendance: A Measure of Being Ready to Learn

Attendance is an indicator that students are **Ready for Learning**, a key part of our school culture alongside being **Respectful** and **Safe**. When students are in school every day, they are fully engaged with lessons, routines, and opportunities that help them succeed. This year, we have a **sharp focus on attendance** as part of building a culture where every student is ready to learn.

Current picture:

- **Well done to Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10**, who are already above national averages at this stage of the year.
- **Year 8 and Year 11** will be closely monitored, and we will work together to improve attendance in these year groups.

Every day matters, thank you for supporting us in making attendance a priority.

Year group	Attendance average this year	National attendance average this year
7	95.90%	95.60%
8	93.10%	93.20%
9	92.60%	92.00%
10	92.80%	91.70%
11	89.90%	91.30%

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events.
 Events at a glance:
 Oswestry Christmas Lighting Ceremony – 20th November
 Rotary Club Lighting Ceremony – 21st November
 Year 11 Consultation Evening – Thursday 11th December
 Shopping Rewards Trip – 17th December
 Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

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