

Principal's Bulletin – 9 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

May I wish you all a belated happy New Year as we complete our first full week of the spring term.

This week has been firmly focused on resetting expectations across the Academy. In assemblies and through daily routines, we have reinforced the importance of positive conduct that supports calm, purposeful learning. In particular, we have reiterated our clear expectation around mobile phones: these must be *off and away* during the school day. Your continued support in reinforcing this message at home is greatly appreciated.

Alongside this, students have been reminded of our shared mantra for success: being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing, in the right uniform. These simple but powerful expectations underpin good behaviour, strong attendance, and ultimately the best possible outcomes for every young person.

For our Year 11 students, this has been a significant week as mock examination results have been issued. With just 14 weeks of school remaining before the exam season begins, the focus now must be absolute. Progress at this stage relies on:

- 100% engagement in lessons
- Strong attendance, including at after-school hubs
- Purposeful revision at home

Year 11 Parents' Evening takes place next Tuesday, 13 January, and I would strongly encourage all families to attend. This is a vital opportunity to receive detailed, subject-specific feedback and to clarify exactly what your child needs to do to improve further over the coming weeks.

Finally, the icy weather conditions have presented challenges for us all. These have also highlighted ongoing issues with heating in parts of the school, which we have been working hard to address throughout the week. I would like to thank students, staff, and families for their patience and resilience as we have navigated these issues during our first week back.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure a strong and successful spring term for all our students.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Dan Bagshaw
Principal

Chaplain's Reflection

Happy New Year to you all. Just a quick thought to share with you this week. A new year is a chance to pause and look at how far we've come. It's not about being perfect, but about learning from our mistakes and growing from our experiences. This year, think about one habit you want to improve, one challenge you're ready to face, and one way you can be kinder—to yourself and to others. Small, consistent efforts can lead to meaningful change. The new year isn't a fresh start because the past disappears; it's a fresh start because we're wiser than before.

Here's to a wonderful year, God walks with us through every step we take and is only a prayer away. Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go — Joshua 1:9

God bless you all.