



Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday was our Creative Craft and Carol evening, with students showcasing their talents across art, performing arts and music, and food technology. It was really nice to have family and friends come to support them and get involved with the activities. This event was organised by our Creative Arts and Technology team, and there is more about what has been happening in those subjects included below.

They are also well underway with rehearsals for our annual show, this year it is Snow White and is being performed in January. I've been into rehearsals this week, and it is fantastic to see students across all year groups working together and enjoying this opportunity to take centre stage. Rehearsals are already looking good, so make sure you have bought your tickets on ParentPay for one of the two evening shows. There are also matinee performances, which are for local primary schools to come and watch, and so far there are already 400 students booked in to come and see the show.

This week has also included Year 7 trip to the Nelson & Colne College MEGA Hub event, and Year 10 Performing Arts trip to see Sister Act as part of their BTEC course. In school, Year 11 students have been having 1-2-1 meetings to review their tracker reports and ensure any support they need is in place. All Year 11 students will have one of these meetings over the next few weeks and into the start of the new year and will be given a copy of their individual plan. They have also got copies of their Period 6 timetables, with compulsory sessions on Monday to Wednesday each week, these are focused on subjects they need to prioritise for completing coursework or with specific booster topics to support them improve in those subject areas.

Looking ahead to next week, the winners from each school of the Pendle Education Trust Christmas card design competition. Two students from each of our schools will come together to meet with CEO Anita Ghidotti-Gibson who will be announcing the winners. Their designs will be used across the Trust this year. Well done to everyone who took part, we had lots of fantastic entries, and congratulations to our two Primet finalists Lucy and Sophie.

Next Thursday 11th December is Christmas Jumper day. This is one of our whole Pendle Education Trust charity focus days. Students are allowed to wear a Christmas jumper or suitable accessory (headband, Santa hat, etc) along with their school uniform. Full school uniform is still expected as normal, including school blazers. We are suggesting an optional £1 donation to take part and raise money for Save the Children. All students who participate will be awarded a Positive Point towards their Pendle Education Pledge badge for Fundraising.

## Principal's Awards

Awarded to the students in each year group with the highest number of Positive Points and 0 Negative Points each week.



J Pilkington  
Principal

**Evie  
(7P)**

**Asad  
(8M)**

**Myles  
(9I)**

**Matthew  
(10I)  
Summer  
(10A)**

**Oskar  
(11A)**



**Artsmark  
Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award  
2022-2025

# Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's star students:

## Year 7

P- Zinat  
R- Saad  
I - Chloe  
M - Hope  
E - Fatima  
T - Dalton  
A - Leighton  
HOY - Isaac

## Year 8

P- Annie  
R- Usman  
I - Nafeesa  
M - Fatima  
E - Muhammad  
T - Callum  
A - Chloe  
HOY - Esmee

## Year 9

P- Riley  
R- Amina  
I - Tylie  
M - Nazar  
E - Oliver  
T - Lucas  
A - Simas  
HOY - Rehan

## Year 10

P- Zaynah  
R- Abdul  
I - Ammaya  
M - Rayyan  
E - Subhan  
T - Gracie  
A - Izhan  
HOY - Maya

## Year 11

P- Zain  
R- Awais  
I - Eesa  
M - Tom  
E - Olivia  
T - Ismail  
A - Seheri  
HOY - Oliver

# Cross Country Success at Holt House Playing Fields

Our students recently showcased incredible resilience, determination, and sportsmanship at the cross country event held at Holt House Playing Fields. It was a fantastic day filled with effort and enthusiasm, and we are proud to share some outstanding individual achievements:

**Junior – 4th place**  
**Sophie – 4th place**  
**Harris – 5th place**  
**Olivia – 5th place**  
**Noal – 6th place**  
**Megan – 6th place**  
**Brooke – 8th place**



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all participants for their commitment and perseverance. A big thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families for making this event a success!



With the colourful lights, festive concerts and other special events, it's easy to think of this time of year as being full of pure joy for students. For many, however, it can be a time where they are navigating changed routines and food issues, or coping with feelings of grief or isolation. This is why, alongside seasonal messages of togetherness and kindness, it is important for students to know our message of ongoing and ever-ready support.

Our digital support platform offers 24/7 access, 365 days a year, to self-help tools, professional support, and moderated peer communities, with no waiting lists or referrals needed.



**[Kooth Digital Health - Home](#)**



# Christmas Creative Arts, Festive Crafts and Carols

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and families who joined us for our Christmas Creative Arts, Festive Crafts and Carols event. It was a wonderful celebration that brought together music, food, technology and art, showcasing the creativity and talent within our school community.

Families enjoyed getting hands-on with a range of festive activities, including Christmas cards and decorations, gift labels, winter wreaths, and a variety of festive treats. The atmosphere was made even more special with beautiful musical performances from our talented students, creating a warm and joyful backdrop to the evening.

Guests were also treated to delicious cakes and festive bakes, expertly prepared and served by our Food Technology students, who did a fantastic job.



# Christmas Creative Arts, Festive Crafts and Carols



# Primet Positive Focus: TOGETHER

This week we have been focusing on our core value of being together. The academy community works together for the benefit of all. We value teamwork and collaboration, within the academy community and with our external partners.



## UNCRC Articles

As part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award, we have been looking at each of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child Articles. There are 54 Articles in total. This week we have been learning about:

- Article 15 - Freedom of association: Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



## Upcoming Dates

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

15th – 18th December – Beat the teacher rewards challenge week

15th December – Parent/carer and KS3 child wreath making workshop – please sign up for a ticket

15th December – Year 7 Rewards event at The Fun House

15th December – Year 10 RiskIt assembly

16th December – Year 10 Careers workshops

16th December – PL Inspires Challenge Day

17th December – BFCiC Rewards activities afterschool on the Senior Yard – all welcome

17th & 18th December – Year 11 mock grade improvement reward trips

18th December – Christmas Dinner day in the dining room

19th December – Attendance rewards at breaktime

19th December – Whole School Assembly and final day before holidays, early finish time at 1pm

Colne Primet Academy  
**Christmas Jumper Day**  
THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
SAVE THE CHILDREN  
CHARITY

ONE POUND  
DONATION  
TO BE GIVEN TO YOUR  
FORM TUTOR

Save the Children.

Full school uniform must be worn with your Christmas jumper or one appropriate Christmas accessory.

We're excited to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December!

Students are invited to wear a festive Christmas jumper or a single appropriate Christmas accessory to help spread some seasonal cheer. Please note that full school uniform must still be worn, with the jumper or accessory added on top.

We are kindly asking for a £1 donation, which students can give directly to their form tutor on the day. All funds raised will go towards supporting our chosen Christmas charity.

# Festive Wreath-Making

We are delighted to invite our parents and carers into school on **Monday 15th December**, from 9:15am to 11:30am, for a wonderfully festive Christmas Wreath-Making Morning.

This free event is open exclusively to parents and carers of **Year 7 and Year 8 students**, who are welcome to take part alongside their child. It's a perfect opportunity to get creative and enjoy some seasonal crafting together. To participate, please bring along your own foliage -real or artificial -as well as any decorations you would like to include on your wreath. We will provide the space, support and festive atmosphere!



**Please note: there are only 15 places available, so early booking is essential.**

We look forward to welcoming you for a morning full of creativity and Christmas cheer.

***Please click on the link sent to families of children in years 7 and 8 to book your place.***

# We are excited to introduce CURIOSITY QUEST

An engaging opportunity for our Year 7 students to explore, research, and showcase their innovative ideas! The Extraordinary Minds Academy, led through Nelson and Colne College, has been created to spark the imagination of learners. Dedicated to expanding their academic confidence and abilities, the programme will allow students to use a wide range of skills including developing their leadership potential.

## What is Curiosity Quest?

This project encourages year 7 students to dive into topics that spark their interest, solve mysteries, explain wonders, or tackle big questions such as “Who built the pyramids?” Students can enter individually or as part of a small group.

## What students need to do

Choose a topic and subject that interests them  
Research the topic thoroughly – gather information, debate ideas constructively, and seek different perspectives from peers, teachers, and family.  
Prepare their submission to submit a 500 word document summarising their findings by Monday 15th December  
Please speak to Mrs Leak if you have any further questions.



## Year 8 Healthy Chicken Goujons

Our Year 8 students have been busy in the kitchen creating their own healthy chicken goujons! These tasty bites were baked in the oven without any extra fat, making them a nutritious alternative to fried options. To add flavor, the students seasoned their goujons with salt, pepper, and a hint of chilli powder.

Learning to prepare your own lunch at school is not only fun but also a great way to develop healthy eating habits and practical cooking skills. Well done to Year 8 for their delicious creations!

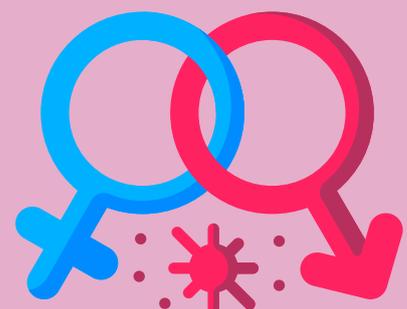


## This week's assemblies

This week Rachel Emmott from Lancashire Sexual Health Education Services delivering assemblies to Years 9 – 11 on what is available to young people locally. The North West has one of the highest numbers of teenage pregnancies in England, and it is important that the right information is given.

This is the fourth year Rachel has been coming into our school to support our RSE curriculum and will be delivering workshops to Year 10 in the Spring Term. The assembly and workshops are timely as it is delivered before students need to access these services so when the time does come they know where they can get the correct and appropriate support and advice.

**Lancashire**  
**Sexual Health**  
**Service**



# Curriculum focus: Creative Arts

As we are nearing the end of our Autumn term, it has been wonderful to see the vast range of creative projects that our students across KS3 and KS4 have been working on. The classroom environment is always busy, with students sharing ideas, designing, and creating a vast range of products.

In Art students have been working on building up skills and techniques such as formal elements and print making. It has been wonderful to see the vast range of outcomes from students using their individual creativity.

In DT, students have used the tools in our workshops to create keyrings, bird houses, or biomimicry lamps. The Year 7 cohorts have hit the ground running and are more than confident using the machinery and tools available to them.

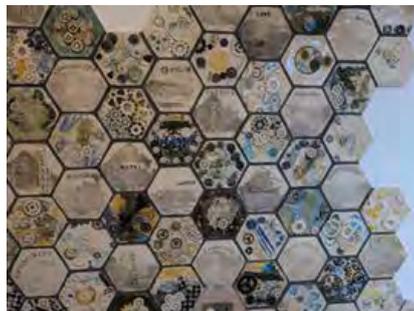
In Drama, students are exploring Pantomime, Silent Movies, and Scripted plays. Year 10 students are part way through their first component, that will contribute towards their GCSE grade. We are delighted with the work they are producing and they're working hard to get high grades! Year 11 students are in preparation for the release of their exam brief in January 2026.

In Food Tech, the students are gaining important cooking skills, with the Year 9 students looking at Zero Waste innovation. The students will design and cook their own innovative food product and create a sales pitch, to deliver in class.

Finally in Music, students have been playing the keyboards, boom whackers and using their understanding of Music for Film, to create their own soundtrack.

Outside of the lessons in the Creative Arts department, we are working hard to provide students with industrial links and creative workshops.

A selection of Year 8 students had the fantastic opportunity to work on a community-based project and represent our school. The eight students selected worked collaboratively on a community-based project, working with an artist from Emmeline North Studio at the Building Bridges Pendle Hub in Nelson.



We are in the midst of the rehearsals for our Pantomime – Snow White. The date for this event is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 6pm onwards. The tickets are available on Parent Pay and it would be great to see you all there!



**Mrs Goldie**  
Head of Creative Arts and Technology

***Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's ready for the fairest show of all?***

**Colne Primet Academy proudly presents Snow White!**

Join us for a magical evening filled with laughter, music, and a sprinkle of fairy-tale sparkle as our talented students bring this classic story to life on stage.

**Dates: Tuesday 20th or Thursday 22nd January 2026**

**Time: 6:00–8:15pm**

**Log onto ParentPay to book tickets today!**

We can't wait to see you there and share this enchanting performance!



**COLNE PRIMET ACADEMY PRESENTS...**

# **Snow White**

**Tuesday 20th<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**

**6:00pm - 8:15pm**

**Tickets can be purchased on Parentpay  
£5.00 per adult, £2.50 per child - £12.00 for  
family of 4**

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**#PROUDTOBEPIMET**

# Focus on Year 11

It has been a really positive half term so far with our Star Awards event followed by Year 11 Parent's Evening. I was extremely proud of our senior prefect team and some of our prefects for supporting in presenting awards and representing the year group so well. They certainly demonstrated what 'Proud to be Primet' means!

Parents' Evening was also a positive evening, and I would like to thank all parents and guardians who attended, for supporting all staff in ensuring your child has everything they need to succeed throughout this year and in their GCSEs. For those of you who were unable to make it, we will be in contact within the next few weeks to arrange meetings and phone calls to go through your child's progress and the plans we have in place to support them further. Trackers have been distributed to students, however if you have not yet received one, please contact the year team and we can help.

The students have continued to attend period 6 sessions, with bespoke timetables created to support their individual progress. It is lovely to see so many students making the most of the support available to them.

As always, attendance is extremely important, and in year 11, every day counts towards their exams. The year team will continue to work hard on improving the year group's attendance and we are grateful for your support with this.

**Mrs Lake**  
**Head of Year 11**



# Academy Expectations

Our behaviour policy, which can be found on the website, has the details about individual rules we implement in the Academy to keep our students and staff safe. However, these are complicated and numerous. So to simplify these for the students, they all fit under one of the 3 basic expectations which we have of all students. When expectations fall short, students are reminded positively about what the expectation is and how to improve. We expect all students to:

**Work Hard**



**Be Kind**



**Follow staff instructions first time**



## Expectations Reminder: Uniform

Our uniform is designed to be smart and simple. When worn correctly it brings great pride to students and the academy. We want students to be 'Proud to be Primet'. Wearing a uniform demonstrates high standards, our academy values and a sense of community. Wearing the uniform shows you belong to our family and it's an expectation at the Academy. The last thing students need to be worrying about is what they look like, they should be concentrating on their studies and not the latest trends. Details of our uniform are included in our parent handbook and on our website. Please ensure your child is setting off to school meeting our uniform expectations. Any uniform not meeting our expectations will be notified to parents/carers and given further sanctions if not resolved. If you need any support with uniform or have any concerns please speak to your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Support Assistant.



## OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM



# Personal Development

This week in Personal Development students have been looking at:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Study Skills and flashcards	Study Skills and flashcards	Study Skills and flashcards	Racism and Racism in the workplace	Power to <u>perform</u> : nutrition and rest

Next week they will focus on:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Employability Skills	Pathways in Education and training	Trustworthy Careers websites	Disability and the Workplace / Being a young carer	Careers pathways and qualifications.

## Burnley College Digital Prospectus



### Step-by-Step Guide to Applying to the Number 1 College in England, Burnley College Sixth Form Centre

1. In your browser, go to [www.burnley.ac.uk](http://www.burnley.ac.uk)
2. At the top right click courses.
3. From the 'types of learning' menu, select school leavers. You can search for more specific courses by using the qualification, level and industry menus.
4. If you are applying for multiple courses, for example A Levels, follow the instructions, use the search bubble on the left, to find the exact course you're interested in.
5. If you are happy with your choice, click the shortlist star at the top of the subject box.
6. Wish to learn more about the course? Click the title. From this page you can shortlist the course by clicking add to shortlist on the left.
7. Do not click apply now until you have shortlisted all the courses you want to apply for. When you have finished, hit the shortlist button at the top of the screen.
8. You will now see the courses you have added.
9. To start the application process, simply click 'apply' for all courses.
10. You will then be taken to Tribal, where you can log in, or create a brand-new account to start your application.
11. If you are applying for a single course, for example, a vocational course, the process is slightly more simple.
12. Click the title of the course, and you will be taken to a page with more details about the course.
13. Simply click 'apply now' on the left side of the page.
14. You will then be taken to Tribal, where you can log in or create a brand-new account to set up your application.

**If you require help with any of these stages, you can contact our friendly and knowledgeable Admissions Team:**  
[admissions@burnley.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@burnley.ac.uk) | 01282 733 373

Please see the link below for Burnley College's digital prospectus for the next academic year.

#### LINK

If you have any further questions, please see Miss Morris, who can set your child up a careers meeting with our career advisor.



**Mrs Bielby**  
**Head of Personal Development**

# Careers

## Explore Your Future – College Open Events

Over the next few months, there are lots of exciting college open events taking place across our area. If you're in Year 10 or 11, this is the perfect opportunity to start exploring your next steps. Visiting different colleges will help you discover the courses, facilities and opportunities available – and give you a real feel for where you might want to study after West Craven. Make sure you get along to some of these events to find out more and start planning your future!



# College Open Events

College Name	What do they offer?	When?
Nelson and Colne College	Vocational A-Levels T-Level Apprenticeship	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Careers open event) Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 event) Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 – All day (New student day) Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2026 – All day (GCSE results day)
Accrington and Rossendale College	Vocational A-Levels T-Level Apprenticeship	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025- 5.30pm to 7.30pm Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – 5.30 to 7.30pm Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Careers open Event) Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 event) Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 – All day (New student day) Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2026 – All day (GCSE results day)
Burnley College	Vocational A-Levels T-Level Apprenticeship	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2026 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Themis careers event) Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 - 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 event)
Craven College	Vocational T-Level Apprenticeship	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Aviation Academy) Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Aviation Academy) Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Skipton) Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (Aviation Academy) Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 5.30pm to 7.30pm (The Aviation Academy) Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 – 3.00pm to 6.30pm (Apprenticeship and careers fair at Craven College)
Myerscough College	Vocational T-Levels Apprenticeship	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 – course advice morning Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 - course advice morning (Preston centre ONLY) Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 - course advice morning Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 - course advice morning
North Lancs Training Group	Apprenticeship	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March – 1pm to 6pm (Accrington) Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March – 1pm to 6pm (March)
Training 2000	Apprenticeship	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January – 4.30pm to 7.30pm Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January – 4.30pm to 7.30pm



**Nelson and Colne College are delighted to invite our Year 10 and Year 11 students from school to join their upcoming free after-school academies this December and January – and they have just added even more sessions!**

These academies are a fantastic way for students to:  
Explore subjects they're passionate about  
Enjoy interactive activities  
Learn about careers, courses and apprenticeships  
Experience college life and meet tutors and other pupils

**Upcoming Academies:**  
**Future Hair Professional Academy (Creative)**  
Next Dates: 9 or 11 Dec – NCC & ARC

**Future Engineers Academy**  
Next Date: 13 Jan – NCC only

**Future Construction Professional Academy**  
Next Date: 21 Jan – ARC only

**Future Digital/IT/Cyber Analyst Academy**  
Next Date: 21 Jan – NCC & ARC

The screenshot shows a webpage titled 'How to Apply' with a sub-header 'Your Guide to Applying to Nelson & Colne College'. It features a four-step process: 1. Do your research, 2. Submit your application, 3. Join our Connect events, and 4. Prepare for enrolment. A 'Click here' button is visible in the top left, and a 'Still have questions?' section is at the bottom with contact information.

**Future Construction Professionals Academy #1. Jan 2026 Accrington & Rossendale College**

**Future Engineers Academy #2. 13 Jan- 24 Feb 2026. Nelson & Colne College**

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**Future Hairdresser Professional Academy #1.**

**Future Digital Analyst Academy**



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**Left to Right:**

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- **Adam Hussain** - Academic and Technical Education Mentor
- **Paul Scott** - Academic and Technical Education Mentor
- **Melanie Wright** - Schools Team Lead
- **Becky Bottacin** - Academic and Technical Education Mentor

# MEET THE SCHOOLS TEAM

Our Schools Team is led by Melanie and our Academic and Technical Education Mentors are a dedicated team who will support school staff, pupils, parents and guardians by offering a range of activities including:

- ✓ School classroom sessions, assemblies and interactive activities to inspire pupils career choices
- ✓ Parents evening attendance in school
- ✓ College campus visits
- ✓ On campus taster sessions
- ✓ Application help and support
- ✓ Personalised campus tours
- ✓ 1:1 appointments in school or on campus to support with college course and careers information



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WITH US**



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Meet our...

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**ORACLE FILM CLUB**

**INTO  
FILM**



**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December: 3.25pm – 5pm**



**30 FREE PLACES AVAILABLE**  
**Parent permission slip available from Oracle**  
**Please feel free to bring popcorn and water!**





## PE **Extra-Curricular Sport** (Autumn Term 2 2025)



DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	ROOM	STAFF
Monday	Lunchtime	Year 7 Badminton	Sports Hall	LHM/CJO
	After School	Football All years Netball (year 7 & 8)	Yard Sports Hall	LHM/CJO
Tuesday	Lunchtime	Year 8 Badminton	Sports Hall	KDO/LHM
	After School	Girls Football – year 7 @ FM Badminton – all years	Fisher More until 5pm Sports Hall	LHM/CJO EDR/KDO
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Year 9 Badminton	Sports Hall	EDR / CJO
	After School	Boys' Basketball all years Cross Country – all years	Sports Hall Outside	CJO/LHM EDR/KDO
Thursday	Lunchtime	Year 10 Badminton	Sports Hall	LHM/EDR
	After School	STAFF MEETINGS	STAFF MEETINGS	STAFF MEETINGS
Friday	Lunchtime	Year 11 Badminton	Sports Hall	KDO/CJO
	After School	No Club		

### **New PE Extracurricular Sports – Autumn Term 2**

We're excited to launch our new range of PE extracurricular clubs for Autumn Term 2! Students can now take part in a variety of lunchtime and after-school activities, including badminton, football, netball, and basketball.

It's a great opportunity to stay active, have fun, and develop new skills – so get involved and give something new a try!



## Extra-Curricular Program – Autumn 2 (2025)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime</b>	Homework Support Club 12.20 -1pm (T12)	Homework Support Club 12.20 -1pm (T12)	Homework Support Club 12.20 -1pm (T12)	Homework Support Club (Maths) 12.20 -1pm (T12)	Homework Support Club 12.20 -1pm (T12)
<b>After-school 3.20pm</b>	Homework Support Club 15.20 - 4pm (T12)	Homework Support Club 15.20 - 4pm (T12)	Homework Support Club (Maths) 15.20 - 4pm (T12)	Homework Support Club 15.20 - 4pm (T12)	Homework Support Club 15.20 - 4pm (T12)
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	Year 7 Science Club 3.20- 4.15pm Miss Flegg (M11 Science)			Student Support* 3.20 - 4.15pm Casey S T (Cabin, Quad)	
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\*This is tailored to the students' needs and interests.

## Autumn 2 Extracurricular Programme

We are pleased to share details of our Autumn 2 extracurricular programme, which offers a wide range of lunchtime and after-school clubs designed to enrich students' learning and personal development. Opportunities available this half term include Homework Support Club, Performance Club, Music Club, Board Games Club and Science Club, alongside many other activities.

We encourage all students to review the full programme and take advantage of the clubs and support available.



# OYS

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR CODE SCAMS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing'), involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

## PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

## DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

## PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.

## WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

## FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

### CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

### CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

### USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor is more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

### USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

## Meet Our Expert

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**Senior Youth Club**  
7.00 - 9.00pm

## Tuesdays



**Sen-sational**  
4.30 - 6.30pm



**The Sound House**  
6.30 - 8.30pm

## Wednesdays



**Homework Support**  
3.30 - 4.30pm



**Junior Youth Club**  
4.30 - 6.30pm



**Senior Youth Club**  
7.00 - 9.00pm

## Thursdays



**Cricket**  
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